Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends

Minutes and Reports

January 1967 - December 1969

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met January 12th, 1967 at the Meeting House. The Clerk read the Fifth Query from the new Discipline of the New England Yearly Meeting and then an opening silence was observed.

The Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Clerk read a reply from Charles Harper, Director of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. The reply was in response to a letter indicating Wellesley Meeting's interest in joining CMM. A decision concerning membership will be contingent on the Executive Council's Meeting of CMM to be held in January. Charles Harper will be guest speaker at a Wellesley Monthly Meeting discussion on January 18th, it was announced by Elizabeth Gulick, Chairman of Social Concerns Committee.

The Meeting approved a $200 contribution to CMM subject to our admittance, and thus approved an increase in our Budget by that amount. Individual contributions designated for this purpose to increase this amount may be received by the Treasurer.

Elizabeth Gulick and Norman Landstrom with Thomas Cooch as alternate were appointed as representatives to the CMM Council.

The Committee on Clearness for the proposed marriage of Martha Peace Burgess and Anthony Samuel Kroch reported favorably and the proposals were allowed. The Meeting appointed a Meeting to be held on February 5th for the accomplishment of this marriage. Frederick and Martha Corneel and Hallie and Lewis Wright were approved as Overseers.

Salem Quarterly Meeting will meet January 21st at Cambridge Friends School. Rebecca Monego, Marshall and Winisfred Lindley and Ruth Cooch were selected as representatives. The representatives are instructed to indicate to Quarterly Meeting that the winter meeting preferably should be omitted. Rebecca Monego is chosen to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee for Quarterly Meeting.

The Meeting authorized the Clerk to write a letter of introduction for Alan Eister who is to be in England for six months.

Robert Hillegass reported on the Inter Meeting Committee which he attended. A project for intervisitation among Young Friends of the Boston area was proposed at that Meeting.

The House and Grounds Committee reported through Charles Wood, Chm. Fire protection provisions in part as outlined by the insurance inspector are being carried out. Painting of the

living room is to be completed soon and the laying of the kitchen floor is to be arranged on a volunteer basis.

The House and Ground Committee recommendds that the Nominating Committee bring in nominations for a Long Range Planning Committee for the consideration of a larger Meeting Room and appurtenances. The Meeting approved.

Ministry and Counsel Committee reported through the Chairman, Ruth Hoge. The Meeting approved additional meetings of PERK for the remainder of the year.

The Memorial for Hanna Heider was read. The Meeting approved the inclusion of the Memorial in the Meeting Minutes and directed that a copy be forwarded to Werner Heider.

A few moments of silence followed, then adjournment of the Monthly Meeting.

Submitted by

Margery Wood
Recording Clerk

Hannah - Heider

Hannah Heider, wife of Werner Heider, died on November 17, 1966 after living gallantly with serious illness for many years. Totally lacking in self-pity, her courage in the face of illness set an example for us all. She lived a life of grace, dignity and style in which sensitive and deep warmth of feeling for others, pride in her family, and gentleness of spirit were always apparent. Her sense of humor, her wide interests, and above all her contagious enthusiasm for both simple and great things made it a joy to be in her presence.

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The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met February ninth, 1967 at the Meeting House. The Clerk opened with a reading from the New England Yearly Meeting Discipline This discussion of a State of Society report was pertinent to the preparation of our spiritual condition report.

The Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Norman Landstrom. Contributions since the beginning of the fiscal year have totalled $5300 to the Annual Budget and $1419 to Capital Fund.

An announcement was made concerning the bequest from Seal Thompson to the Meeting . Further, the executor, Garrett Hoag, requested that the chairman of the House and Grounds Committee select members to serve in making a decision on the furnishings to be accepted from Seal Thompson's home. The Meeting approved.

The Annual Meeting of CMM was held in January and the Executive Council approved membership of the Wellesley Monthly Meeting. A letter from Charles Harper, Director, was read by the Clerk.

Norman Landstrom will be unable to serve as a representative to the CMM Council. Frederick Corneel was approved as a representative to serve with Elizabeth Gulick. Thomas Cooch will be alternate representative.

The Social Concerns Committee report was given by Elizabeth Gulick. She outlined specific social service needs for volunteers in the South End.

A letter from Samuel and Jane Burgess was read by the Clerk. They expressed their appreciation for the interest and help of the Meeting for the marriage of their daughter.

Samuel Burgess, Recorder, of the Monthly Meeting gave a report which is attached.

A report of the successful accomplishment of the marriage of Martha Peace Burgess and Anthony Samuel Kroch was made by the Overseers appointed by the Meeting.

The Nominating Committee recommended through Lewis Wright, Chairman, that the following be appointed to a Long Range Planning Committee; Anne Booth, Convener, Benjamin Gary, Garrett Hoag, Samuel Burgess, Finley Perry, Jeannette McPherrin, and Thomas Waring. The appointments were approved by the Meeting.

The Nominating Committee recommended that the Meeting have a general membership meeting to consider its long range objectives for the guidance of the newly appointed Committee.

The Meeting approved.

The Monthly Meeting recommended that the Nominating Committee bring in the names of a Young Friend as well as a member of the Religious Education Committee to be added to the Long Range Planning Committee.

A report on Salem Quaterly Meeting held January 21st was given by Winifred Lindley. All our representatives attended.

A discussion meeting on View From the Back Benches will be held February 23rd. A pot luck supper at the Lewis Wright's will precede the discussion.

A Ministry and Counsel Report was given by Ruth Hoge. A Memorial to Ruth Chaney was read, and follows these Minutes.

Silence followed by adjournment closed this Monthly Meeting.

Submitted by

Margery Wood
Recording Clerk

A Memorial to Ruth Chaney

Ruth Chaney joined the Sociaty of Friends five years ago, and she brought to our Wellesley Monthly Meeting her deeply searching spirit, This search had become a total commitment to God when she was untimely taken in death on October 11th, 1966. Ruth had no ordinary, complacent faith; she had a zeal to do the will of God through prayer, through Bible study, and through social action. Humbly but persistently she proselytized among her Dana Hall students and among us, the members of Wellesley Meeting. She wanted to share her joy in the perfection of God's planning. She wanted others to feel her certainty that God was very near those who would but believe with all their hearts. Yet her certainty was not egotistical. On the contrary, Ruth was touchingly aware of being vulnerable to skepticism and misunderstanding as she tried to express her belief in the Holy Spirit. During the years that she was a member of our Meeting she grew in courageous affirmation and in the humility that comes from meditation and discipline.

Ruth Chaney once said that to her every Meeting for Worship was meaningful because the Spirit of God was always present. The joyful, emotional expression on her face during Meeting was testimony to the fullness of her participation, and when she rose to speak, her messages and prayers carried the deep conviction that the Presence of God was among us, that to do His bidding was our high privilege.

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met March 9th, 1967 at the Meeting House. The sixth query was read, followed by silence.

The Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee placed before the Meeting the name of John Burgess, a Young Friend, to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee. The Meeting approved, and requested the Nominating Committee to bring in, next month, the name of a member of the Religious Education Committee to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Ministry and Counsel Report was given by the chairman, Ruth Hoge. A collection of the papers, letters and memorabilia of Seal Thompson will be maintained at the Meeting House. Margaret Hoag was asked by the Meeting to be in charge of this project.

The Memorial to Seal Thompson was read by Margaret Hoag and follows these Minutes. The Meeting approved the forwarding of this Memorial to the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of the Salem Quarterly Meeting. This Memorial is to be copied for distribution to the members of Wellesley Monthly Meeting.

A discussion on the long range objectives of the Meeting will be held Thursday March 23rd at the Lewis Wright's.

The State of Society report prepared by Elsie Landstrom was read, and follows these Minutes. The Meeting approved the Report and requested that copies be made available to all members.

Religious Education Committee reported through the chairman, Robert Hillegass. Suggestions from the Committee for improving the relationship of the children to Meeting for Worship were given.

Overseers for the Good Friday Peace Witness and Vigil in Boston were named by the Meeting as follows: Theodora Waring, Edwin Hinshaw, Ann Gary.

A last year's donation to the Northern Student Movement has been returned because the group is no longer in existence. The Meeting approved the use of this money for this year's disbursements of the Social Concerns Committee.

The Social Concerns Committee wishes to encourage members of the Meeting to visit our representatives in Washington as suggested by the FCNL. To this end, half fare to Washington for four Wellesley friends will be provided from the Social Concerns Budget.

The Monthly Meeting was adjourned after a closing moment of silence.

Submitted by

Margery Wood
Recording Clerk

MEMORIAL FOR SEAL THOMPSON

Seal Thompson, aged 94, Professor Emeritus of Biblical History at Wellesley College, died at home December 18, 1966, following a brief illness. Known to the larger world as a Biblical scholar, Seal Thompson studied at Radcliffe and Oxford Universities, the Sorbonne, the University of Chicago, Union Theological Seminary, and Columbia University where she received the M.S. degree in history in 1915. She taught at Wellesley a quarter century, interrupted by a semester of study at Oxford and a year of teaching at Yenching College in China. Characteristically, her teaching did not end with her retirement from Wellesley College in 1941, for she then taught briefly at Pine Manor Junior College, and for many years conducted Bible study groups in communities throughout greater Boston.

She was an active member of the Society of Friends all her life, and was a delegate from New England to the Friends World Conference in Swarthmore in 1937. Seal Thompson belonged to Friends everywhere, but Wellesley Meeting, where she made her spiritual home, feels a special loss. In a very real sense, she lives on in our Meeting as we remember her convictions when we face difficulties. Her beautiful command of the English language coupled with her wide Biblical knowledge and fresh and relevant interpretation, made her messages in Meeting unforgettable. When in recent months she was no longer able to be with us, she continued to observe the Meeting hour and to choose prayerfully the quotations for our Newsletter.

Seal Thompson's gift for spiritual insight flowered in every note, phone call and conversation with her many friends, and no memorial of her would be complete without an attempt to evoke the special qualities that informed her. Her scholarly mind continued lucid, inquiring, and amazingly contemporary to the end of her ninety-four years, attracting to her a stream of religious seekers of all ages and all levels of religious understanding. Many came to exchange ideas and left revitalized with spiritual strength. Others poured into her receptive hands the burdens of their lives and found these lightened. She lived with each of us who knew her in an ever present now that was highly colored by her sturdy faith, her care, her zest and her humor. Her own words convey her to us vividly and powerfully:

In 1954: That elegant and deeply spiritual Lady Julian of Norwich -- 17th Century -- wrote: "When He came He did NOT say 'Thou shalt not be afflicted, Thou shalt not be tempted, Thou shalt not be travailed,' but He did say, 'Thou shalt not be overcome.'"

1962: My ideal is that of Paul: "I live, yet not I but the spirit of Christ within me" ... "I am but one. One cannot do everything, but one can do something. What one can do, I will do with God's help." ... "Ours is the sowing: the harvest is not our business." I have quoted that ad nauseam -- perhaps ad cussiam, but it bolsters my efforts and shores up my faith. We are all seekers, and there are glorious moments when we are finders.

1963: I have found peace and for that I am grateful, but not triumphant. The discipline of learning how to live with loneliness is a stern one, but I am eager when my own moment comes to be able to say "Mission Accomplished" -- and that cannot be done through self-indulgence in grief or any other way .... I have had so many answers to prayer that skepticism is impossible -- I don't have to create faith -- it just flows in.

1964: Being immobilized for weeks has opened up new meaning to the great words of Isaiah, "I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."

1960: I enclose a nice quotation from Ruskin: "The first test of a truly great man is humility. I do not mean by humility doubt of his own power. But really great men have a curious feeling that the greatness is not in them but through them. And they see something divine in every other man and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful." That is my goal.

Seal Thompson surely achieved this goal, whether she recognized the fact or not.

Our sorrow in losing her is tempered with gladness as we remember her conviction embedded in her favorite Psalm 139, "Whither shall I go from they Spirit? ... behold, thou are there."

STATE OF SOCIETY REPORT, 1967

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

During the past year, Wellesley Meeting has strengthened its sturdy and warm family fellowship in our first meeting house. In the natural process of maturing, we have faced together the deaths of three of our members, and rejoiced in the marriages of three others. Working together to house our worship, our young people and children, in a simple yet not austere atmosphere, has laid a base from which the Meeting feels it can now turn outward with more strength than before.

The disciplines required of us to recognize and resolve problems of our own housing have given us practice in working together, surmounting the sometimes sharp differences between us. In general, we feel that our meetings for business have improved in tone, that we are more careful to listen to one another, and, while stating differences in point of view, doing so with more care for others' feelings. We realize that we are far from having achieved as high a standard in this respect as we might wish, and that we must be constantly alert to one another to develop this quality further. Our meetings for worship have been enriched by a slowly growing wider participation of members and attenders in the responsibilities of spoken ministry; impoverished in the loss by death of two articulate members whose faith was deeply grounded in Biblical knowledge.

The Meeting is at present restless in its awareness that to turn inward, both in preoccupation with our own spiritual state and with material concerns, is unhealthy. We are ready to put to wider use our developing skills and new strengths. A long-range planning committee has been appointed, to work under the guidance of the Meeting as a whole. We recognize the interdependence of spiritual and practical goals, and charge ourselves to think beyond the immediate questions of brick and mortar prompted by crowding.

How can we extend the community of our caring? This question is uppermost in our minds as we view the many facets and personalities of our Meeting. How can we make more effective our outreach to the increasing numbers of attenders at our Meetings for Worship, particularly the young students finding their ways here? Now that a core of Meeting members has learned to work together fairly well, how can families and young people on the fringes of the Meeting be encouraged to take more part? What is our role in our immediate community, both the town of Wellesley and the metropolitan area of Boston? Can our property be

used effectively for more young people, not just our own Young Friends? How far are we willing to go with our new membership in the Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries? The list of community services claiming the time and attention and vital concern of individual members is impressive, but this year marks the first time our Meeting as a whole has committed itself to any of the pressing problems of today. Are we ready to invest our time and energy as well as our money, our representatives and our young people in South End housing problems? And what about our responsibilities in the larger world? Can we take more effective steps to relieve the frustrations and agonies of the war in Vietnam, and to work toward a solution of this tragic conflict? Is it enough for us to take our stand in peace vigils, to support AFSC work in Vietnam and the Friends Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children?

Beyond these vital issues lie a host of other immediate practical questions claiming thoughtful evaluation and action. And it is obvious as we search through our strengths and weaknesses together at the close of this year that we approach the body of our experience as a Meeting from widely separated points of view. What some of us consider strengths, others look upon as weaknesses; and thus we keep in precarious balance a rich array of values. The preparation of this report has encouraged us to search, both as a group and individually, to find where we fall short of our highest goals, and to gird ourselves to take up our small portion of the total burden, entrusting the rest to God.

Finally, we ask ourselves what it is we can <u>be</u> that we are not. We are a vocal group, and one of the hardest things for us to be is a group of good listeners--listeners to one another, and to God. We sometimes speak so much of silence that silence is no longer with us. To be silent and to listen, then to speak with care, and finally to act with courage, concern and conviction--these are our goals as we grow together in the year ahead.

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met on April 13th, 1967 at the Meeting House. The Seventh Query was read by the Clerk, Harold Hoge. An opening silence followed.

The Clerk, announcing that Salem Quarterly Meeting is to be held on Saturday, May 20th at Lawrence, Mass., asked for representatives, and a discussion on the question of Quarterly Meeting and Wellesley's participation.

The Meeting approved the formation of a committee to study the possibilities of laying down the business functions of Quarterly Meetings. This study committee will consist of Sylvia Perry, Ruth Hoge and Lewis Wright, and is to report to the May Monthly Meeting.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in May are Suzanne Tillinghast and Theodora Waring.

The Nominating Committee report was presented by the chairman, Lewis Wright. Friends were to consider the names and to act on the r eport later in the evening.

The House and Grounds Committee report was made by Martha Corneel in the absence of CharlesWood. The Meeting decided to ask the Hospitality Committee to be responsible for the use of the guest bedrooms in the Meeting House.

The Meeting then approved the report of the Nominating Committee.

Our representatives to the Peace Vigil on Good Fridqy in Boston, Theodora Waring and Edwin Hinshaw reported ontheir meaningful participation.

The Meeting approved the reconvening of the Nominating Committee to nominate a new Nominating Committee for next year. This is a change of policy from the customary Nominating Committee made up of committee chairmen.

The Hospitality Committee Annual Report was made by Hallie Wright, Chairman, and was approved. It is attached to these Minutes.

The Social Concerns Committee reported through Elizabeth Gulick.

The Ministry and Counsel Report was made by Ruth Hoge. She announced a day of spiritual renewal in May to be held at the Meeting House. The Young Friends wish to have their own Meetings for Worship occasionally.

A certificate of removal having been received from Germantown Friends Meeting, Ministry and Counsel presented the names of

Faith Kurt Tiberio, Joseph William Tiberio, Faith Phillips, and Frederick Morris Tiberio for full membership in Wellesley Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved. Harold and Ruth Hoge were appointed to welcome the Tiberio family.

A discussion meeting on "How We Reach Decisions", the sense of the Meeting, will be held on the last Thursday of April at the Meeting House.

Submitted by

Margery Wood
Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends
Officers and Committees, 1967-68

Officers

Clerk	- Thomas Waring
Assistant Clerk	- Margery Wood
Treasurer	- Norman Landstrom
Recorder	- Sylvia Perry
Secretary	- Ruth Satterthwaite
Librarian	- Rebecca Monego
Newsletter Editor	- Elsie Landstrom
Auditor	- Alexander Zavelle
Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee	- Edwin Hinshaw
	- Dorothy Hinshaw
Young Friends Advisors	- Ruth Hoge
	- Sheila Elion
C. M. M. Delegates	- Frederic Corneel
	- Elizabeth Gulick
	- Thomas Cooch, Alternate

Ministry and Counsel

Theodora Waring - Chairman
Anne Booth
Jane Burgess
Margaret Hoag
Edwin Hinshaw
Charles Myers
Frederic Corneel
Margery Wood
Thomas Waring, ex officio

Religious Education

Martha Corneel - Chairman
Dorothy Hinshaw
Ruth Ham
Mary Kay Kamath
Laura Logan
Ruth Hoge
Kathleen Robinson
Martha Gordon
Martha Kroch

Social Concerns

Elizabeth Gulick - Chairman
Elizabeth Conant
Anne Gary
Cora Greer
Stanley Robinson
Suzanne Tillinghast
William Strong

Officers and Committees Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends 1967-68

Hospitality

Hallie Wright - Chairman
Caroline Axten
Dorothy Eister
Ruth Kennedy
Virginia Hillegass
Helen Roca-Garcia
Virginia Zavelle
Nita Regnier

House and Grounds

Charles Wood - Chairman
George Conant
Martha Corneel
Virginia Hillegass
Finley Perry
Lewis Wright
Harold Hoge

Finance

Thomas Cooch - Chairman
Allan Eister
Jane Burgess
Dorothea Harvey
Constantin Monego
Joseph Tiberio
Norman Landstrom, ex officio

Long Range Planning

Anne Booth - Convener
John Burgess
Garrett Hoag
Ruth Hoge
Jeanette McPherrin
Finley Perry
Thomas Waring
Samuel Burgess
Benjamin Gary

Nominating Committee

Harold Hoge - Chairman
Samuel Burgess
Anne Gary
Robert Hillegass
Margaret Hoag
Rebecca Monego

Annual Report of Hospitality Committee
April 1967

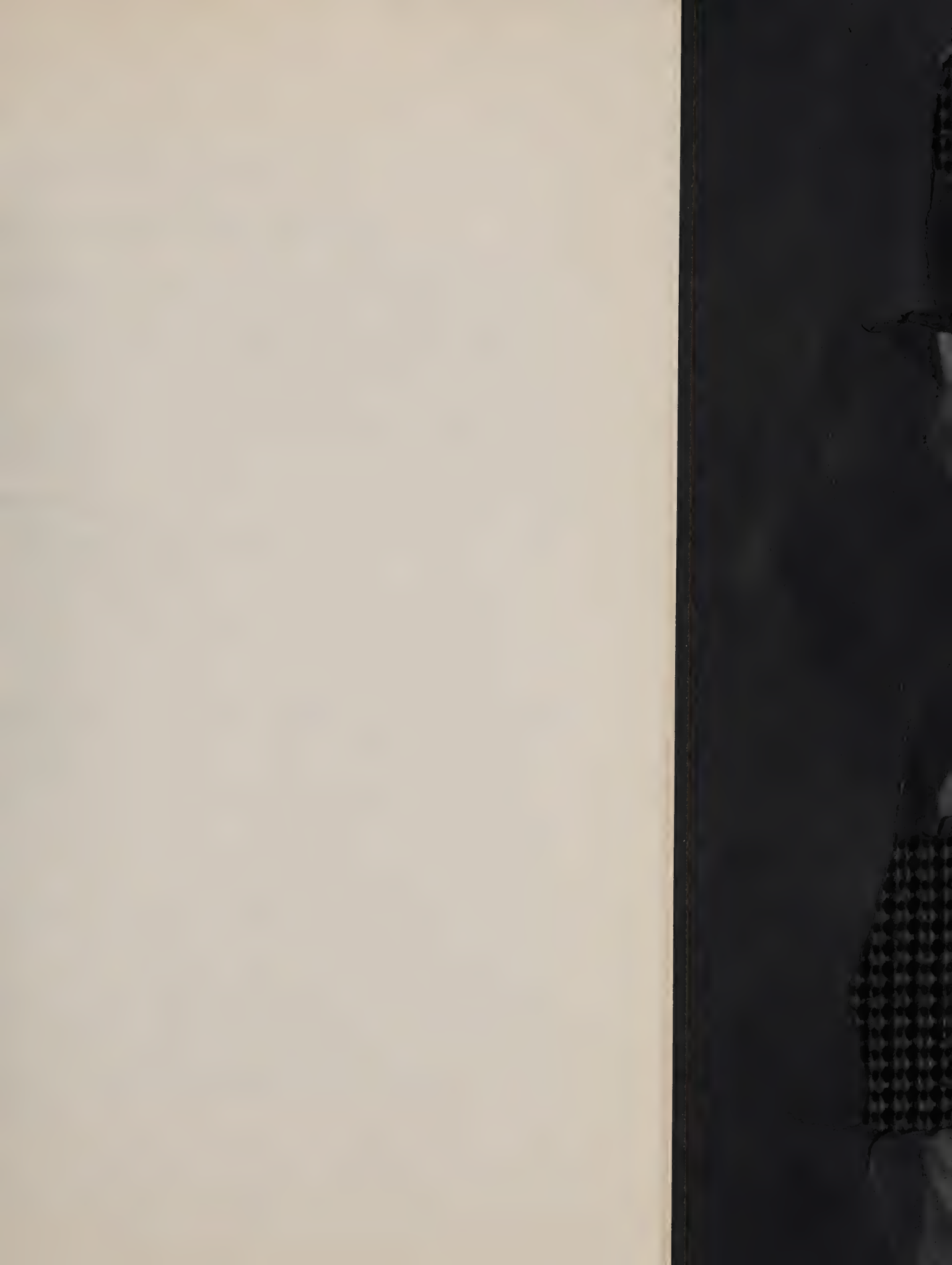
The Hospitality Committee was fortunate enough to have the benefit of the new kitchen for most of this year - and a real benefit it was. It was possible this year to have our Christmas dinner for the first time in the Meeting House because of the new equipment and the facilities it offered. About 125 people sat at the dinner which taxed our seating space somewhere to the limit. If we continue to grow even a little, our only recourse next Christmas will be to open up some of the Sunday school rooms and use them as additional dining rooms. We found the basement room quite useful for entertaining the children in, preparing the dinner, but we hope that by next year we will be able to have room for us.

In October we had a picnic in the yard of the Meeting House following Meeting to which members brought lunches which were put on a common table and shared. It was a well-attended and successful occasion.

The Hospitality Committee has also served several women's morning coffees, provided refreshments for Monthly Meetings and Discussion groups and taken charge ~~the~~ our pot-luck supper which was held at the Meeting House in March preceding a Discussion Meeting. It has also the duty of providing cookies for the gathering following the Memorial Service for Ruth Cheney at the Dana Hall Chapel

Coffee has been served following Meeting from the first Sunday in October until the second through May. More and more people seem to be taking part in this social hour.

The calendars which the Hospitality Committee kept last year has been turned over to Elsie Sandstrom who serves, through her work with the Newsletter, to have more up-to-date information about future Meeting Activities than the Hospitality Committee.



1966-1967 Annual Report

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

The precise function and goals of a Peace and Social Concerns Committee are not easy to formulate - harder still to actualize. It is true to say, however, that this committee has been guided by a strong feeling of obligation to the Meeting and a growing sensitivity to the social, political, and economic predicaments in which we, as American citizens and Friends, find ourselves today. Therefore, the committee has attempted to encourage individuals and the Meeting as a whole to relate in meaningful, creative, and constructive ways to contemporary social problems. Generally speaking, this has been done in three ways: by providing educational opportunities and materials, by encouraging and promoting specific forms of action, and by careful allocation of funds to causes and organizations, that seem most in keeping with the concerns and interests of Friends.

In the area of education: A large bulletin board and book shelves have been built. These have been kept up-to-date with current news, periodicals, and paperbacks dealing with important issues of the day, as well as notices of ways in which Friends can become better informed on important matters or take effective action on ~~the~~ local, national, and international levels.

A fact sheet on the war in Vietnam was prepared and made available for use by those interested in writing to government officials urging an end to the war. On one occasion facilities for writing such letters were made available during the coffee hour after Meeting for Worship, and quite a number of members took advantage of this opportunity to write to their congressmen.

In January an evening's discussion was held with Charles Harper, director of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. He spoke on the problems of the inner city and CMM's response to them.

Action: This year has seen the Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends take the necessary steps to become a member of the Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, an interfaith association which seeks to address the resources of suburban church groups to the problems of the inner city, the primary task at present being the rehabilitation of houses for use by low and moderate income families in the South End. As a member of CMM our Meeting has committed certain resources of people and money: we have appointed two representatives to serve on the CMM governing council; under the leadership of Charles Harper several of our Young Friends have participated in workcamp projects in the South End; and we have contributed to the administrative costs of CMM. It is hoped that the coming year will see even greater involvement of Wellesley Friends in the work of CMM.

Our Meeting sent a letter of support to the Friends Meeting for sufferings of Vietnamese Children. Twelve of our families or individuals have pledged time and/or money to this endeavor.

Information collated by last year's Peace and Social Concerns Committee, which listed agencies in the greater Boston area in need of volunteers, was put into mimeographed form and distributed to all members and attenders.

Wellesley Meeting was informally represented on an interfaith committee, which planned a peace vigil in Wellesley Square. A large number of our members and attenders participated in this vigil. It should perhaps be mentioned here that several of our members quite regularly participate in the Boston peace vigil, which is held each Wednesday noon in front of the Old State House. A few Meeting members have visited Congressmen in Washington as urged by the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

The budget: In allocating the monies put at its disposal, the committee felt that local as well as national needs should be considered. Also, a certain balance was kept between organizations concerned primarily with working for peace, those working for better race relations, and those seeking to alleviate suffering, (A.F.S.C. perhaps uniquely combines all these efforts,) A certain portion of the budget was set aside to assist members to participate in these endeavors. For details see attached sheet.

In reviewing the year just passed we are impressed by the number of tasks which, as a committee and as a Meeting, we were unable to

contemplate - much less undertake. We pray for guidance and strength with which to implement our faith in the year ahead.

Faithfully submitted,

Elizabeth Gulick

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Peace and Social Concerns Committee's

Expenditures for 1966-1967

American Friends Service Committee - Cambridge	$100.00
American Friends Service Committee - Cambridge for Indian affairs in Maine	25.
Friends Committee on National Legislation 245 2nd St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002	100.
Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors 2006 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103	25.
Southern Christian Leadership Conference Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. 332 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30303	25.
Operation Exodus, Ind. 378 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester, Mass. 02121	50
Committee of Responsibility 131 State St., Boston, Mass.	25.
National Conference of Friends on Race Relations (for use by delegate from our Meeting)	24.45
Mimeographing	19.55
Postage	10.
Literature	11.
Reprinting New York Times ad in Globe (AFSC)	10.
Total	425.00

N. B.

$25 is carried forward from last year's budget, a check which was never cashed because the organization went out of existence.

$25 for a delegate to Friends Conference on Race Relations was made out to Elizabeth Gulick. If not used by our own delegate, the sum will be sent to the conference to help defray expense of a delegate from another Meeting.

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met Thursday, May 11th 1967 at the Meeting House. The Clerk read the Eighth Query and an opening silence followed.

The Meeting approved the appointment of Sylvia Perry as a representative to Salem Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, May 20th in addition to representatives appointed in April.

The names of Samuel Burgess, Ann Gary, Robert Hillegass, Margaret Hoag, and Rebecca Monego were placed in nomination for a Nominating Committee to serve for the year beginning in June, 1967. The Meeting approved. The chairman of this newly appointed committee will be Harold Hoge as approved at the April Monthly Meeting.

The nomination of Ruth Cooch to be responsible for Sunday Meeting arrangements of the Meeting House under the responsibility of Ministry and Counsel was suggested by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Meeting.

Sarah Satterthwaite and John Burgess reported on a Young Friends Seminar on Food and Population which was held in Washington, DC under the sponsorship of the Friends United Meeting.

The Annual Report of the Social Concerns Committee was presented by Elizabeth Gulick and was approved. The report is attached. The chairman of the Social Concerns Committee then gave the regular monthly report including an account of the AFSC Conference at Woolman Hill entitled Toward a Revolutionary Quakerism.

The Meeting approved a $100 check to be made out to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for the relief of suffering of victims of the war in both North and South Vietnam to be taken by Elizabeth Gulick to Canada. In the mantime Norman Landstrom will investigate whether a test case of the legality of the government order concerning the blocking of funds contributed to the Canadian Friends Service Committee is being made anywhere.

The Meeting approved a resolution to send to the Permanent Board of the New England Yearly Meeting an endorsed copy of the minute prepared by the Woolman Hill Conference. A copy of this minute is attached.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Norman Landstrom. The Treasurer was authorized by the Meeting to pay any bills received before the end of the fiscal year which were over estimated budget allowance. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the costs of moving Seal Thompson's furniture to the Meeting House.

The Ministry and Counsel Report was given by Ruth Hoge.

The annual Report of the House and Grounds Committee was read by Margery Wood in the absence of Charles Wood, Chairman. The Meeting approved the report and it is attached.

The Meeting approved the dedication of the outdoor planting around the front door to the memory of Peter Cooch.

A painting of Ruth Chaney's has been purchased and hung in the Meeting Room.

The committee of three Friends who examined the structure and functions of Salem Quarterly Meeting gave its report through Ruth Hoge. The Meeting approved the report which is attached and directed that our representatives carry it to Salem Quarterly Meeting, and that prior to the Quarterly Meeting, copies be sent to Clerk of the Quarter and the Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of the Quarter, and that a copy be forwarded to the Executive Council of the New England Yearly Meeting after its presentation at the Salem Quarterly Meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from Wayne Jones concerning an inter-Meeting picnic at Sturbridge Village on June 4th. The Meeting asked that the Clerk inform Wayne Jones that our Meeting hoped that all Meetings of the Quarter would be invited.

The Meeting approved travelling minutes for Ruth and Harold Hoge, Garrett and Margaret Hoag, and Thomas and Theodora Waring who plan to travel abroad this summer.

The Monthly Meeting adjourned after a closing period of silence.

Submitted by Margery Wood
Recording Clerk

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
26 Benvenue Street
WELLESLEY 81, MASSACHUSETTS

May 11, 1967

To: Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
meeting at Lawrence, Massachusetts on May 20, 1967

We believe that it is important, from time to time, to examine the functions and structure of the Society of Friends. One area of Friends' organization which has not been vital to Wellesley Monthly Meeting is the Quarterly Meeting. Six years ago we questioned whether the Quarterly Meeting, as then constituted, served a useful purpose. A committee representing all the Monthly Meetings in the Quarter considered the matter and brought in recommendations. These were accepted in September 1961, but were not fully carried out.

Wellesley Meeting now proposes an examination of the entire Quarterly Meeting structure. Do we need three levels of organization to conduct our business? Might it be better to abolish the Quarterly Meeting unit, leaving the business of the Society to be carried out by the Monthly and Yearly Meetings? Could the need for inter-meeting worship, fellowship and discussion be met through workshops, conferences and religious and social gatherings? These might be organized by individual Meetings or by Yearly Meeting Committees on a regional basis.

We understand that the subject of Quarterly Meetings has had some consideration in Yearly Meeting circles. Now would seem an appropriate time for fuller exploration and study throughout the Yearly Meeting. If it is thought desirable, Wellesley Meeting would be willing, this coming fall, to plan and host a one day conference on such a study.

While this is in process, we would like to see our Salem Quarterly Meeting return to the program accepted in September 1961:

1. Quarterly Meeting sessions to be held only in May and October, unless the Clerk, in consultation with Monthly Meeting Clerks, feels there is special need for an extra session. The May meeting would prepare business for Yearly Meeting, but the October meeting would be a conference-type session for education and inspiration.
2. Routine business should be handled more expeditiously, and all business should be well prepared and sent to the Clerk in advance. Reports on spiritual condition of the various Meetings should be discussed more fully.
3. More inter-visitation between Meetings should be encouraged outside of Quarterly Meeting sessions.
4. Monthly Meetings should make a special effort to encourage a large attendance at each Quarterly Meeting session.

Further, we suggest that the Arrangements Committee meet at the rise of this Quarterly Meeting to organize and set a time to meet for planning future Quarterly Meeting programs.

Signed on behalf of
Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends
Harold J. Hoge, Clerk

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met on June 8th, 1967 at the Meeting House. Thomas Waring, Clerk, presided. A period of silent worship opened the Monthly Meeting.

The May minutes were read and approved.

The Cambridge Meeting has appointed a committee to investigate the legal aspects of the government regulations which forbid us to provide relief to all parts of Vietnam. Finley Perry, Norman Landstrom, Elizabeth Gulick and Garrett Hoag from Wellesley Meeting were appointed as a committee to cooperate with the Cambridge Meeting Committee.

A report of the financial condition at the year's end was given by the Treasurer, Norman Landstrom. A copy is attached. The Meeting approved a transfer of $1500 to the Reserve for Major Repairs.

The Treasurer requested the authorization to pay any outstanding bills during the summer at rates not exceeding the present budget. The Meeting approved.

The Librarian's Annual Report given by Rebecca Monego was approved and is attached.

Cora Greer from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, after reporting on the draft law, auggested that Wellesley Monthly Meeting offer a draft counselling and guidance service for young men of draft age in the Wellesley area. This service under the care of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee is to be a Meeting project with other members of the Meeting participating. Robert Hillegass gave the Religious Education Committee Annual Report which was approved and is attached to these minutes. A request for the use of a room in the Meeting House as an office for Vietnam Summer has been made and is recommended by Ministry and Counsel Committee. The Meeting approved the recommendation.

The Meeting also approved the use of the Meeting House by Vietnam Summer, as needed, as a place for meetings during the summer. Elizabeth Gulick or other delegated Wellesley Meeting members will be responsible for the use of the building.

Elizabeth Gulick reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee including a report from the CMM Council.

The Meeting approved a suggestion that Edwin Hinshaw or other Wellesley members be delegated to bring Wellesley Monthly Meeting's concern for the function of Quarterly Meetings to the attention of Yearly Meeting as way opens.

The Clerk adjourned the Monthly Meeting

Submitted by

Margery Wood

Recording Clerk

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1967

This is the first fiscal year which includes the operations of the Meeting House for a full twelve month period, so that the expenditures made from the annual budget reflect a realistic level for the future. The Meeting has again met all its financial obligations.

ANNUAL BUDGET AND RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

Total cash receipts were $7,416.82, consisting of contributions of $6,931.82 and other receipts, mostly rental from PERC, of $485.00. Our cash expenditures were $5,714.36, leaving an operating surplus of $1,702.46. During the year, $1,500 was transferred from our operating surplus for the preceding fiscal year to the Reserve for Major Repairs; the Monthly Meeting in June, 1967, approved the transfer of $1,500 additional to the Reserve from this year's operating surplus. The June Monthly Meeting also authorized the Treasurer to pay expenses incurred until the adoption of a new budget in September not in excess of the amounts budgeted for the past fiscal year.

CAPITAL FUND

The Capital Fund at the beginning of the year amounted to $9,177.94. We received $1,325 in additional contributions, and $1,200 from the New England Conservatory toward the expense

of the parking lot, together with smaller miscellaneous receipts of $418.14. We spent $2,376.07 for completion of the parking lot, $4,719.61 for remodelling and purchase of capital items for the Meeting House, and miscellaneous expenses of $343.32. The balance on hand at the end of the year was $4,782.08, all of which is still held in the Newton Savings Bank. While the Long Range Planning Committee is considering whether any substantial additional expense should be incurred in respect of the Meeting House, I have not believed it wise to invest any of the Capital Fund in the Meeting House Fund Notes.

During the year, the Meeting was notified that it is a legatee under the will of Seal Thompson. The legacy is expected to amount to about $10,000 and will be added to the Capital Fund when received.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL FUND

No expenditures were made from this Fund in the last fiscal year. With interest of $80.43, it now amounts to $1,889.13.

Detailed figures are attached to this report showing payments and receipts in the Annual Budget (including a schedule showing expenditures for each item of the Budget), the Reserve for Major Repairs, the Capital Fund, the Morrison Fund, and the Ruth Chaney Memorial Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Landstrom

Norman Landstrom, Treasurer

ANNUAL BUDGET

RECEIPTS

On Hand 6/1/66	$2,001.17
Contributions through 5/31/67	6,931.82
Miscellaneous Receipts	485.00
	$9,417.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to Reserve for Major Repairs	1,500.00
Expenses as per schedule attached	5,714.36
	7,214.36
On Hand 5/31/67	2,203.63

RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

RECEIPTS

On Hand 6/1/66	0
Transferred from Annual Budget	1,500.00
On Hand 5/31/67	1,500.00

CAPITAL FUND

RECEIPTS

On Hand 6/1/66	$9,177.94
Contributions to 5/31/67	1,325.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	94.07
Parking Lot from N.E. Conservatory	1,200.00
Interest Received	424.07
	$12,221.08

EXPENDITURES

Parking Lot - final payment	$2,376.07
Remodelling expenses and capital items purchase for Meeting House	4,719.61
Legal fees re purchase of Meeting House	300.00
Interest on Savings Bank loans in anticipation of dividends	43.32
	$7,439.00
Balance 5/31/67	$4,782.08

Note - All interest received and paid has, for convenience, been allocated to the Capital Fund and taken into account in computing the balance, although part of the Savings Account represents the Reserve for Major Repairs.

MINISTRY & COUNSEL FUND

RECEIPTS

On Hand 6/1/66	$1,808.70
Interest Received	80.43
On Hand 5/31/67	$1,889.13

MORRISON FUND

RECEIPTS

On Hand 6/1/66	$ 15.00

EXPENDITURES

Stony Run Meeting, Baltimore	15.00
On Hand 5/31/67	0

RUTH CHANEY MEMORIAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Contributions through 5/31/67	77.50

EXPENDITURES

Community Service, Inc.	67.50
On Hand 5/31/67	10.00

RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS WITH BANK BALANCES AS OF MAY 31, 1967

ASSETS

Annual Budget Balance	2,203.63
Reserve for Major Repairs	1,500.00
Capital Fund	4,782.08
Ministry and Counsel Fund	1,889.13
Ruth Chaney Fund	10.00
Total	10,384.84

BANK ACCOUNTS

Checking Account, So. Shore Nat'l Bank	1,940.77
Newton Savings Bank-Acct. #3-11771	6,554.94
New Savings Bank-Acct. #3-128751	1,889.13
Total	10,384.84

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1967

EXPENSES BY BUDGET ITEM

ANNUAL BUDGET ACCOUNTS:	Budgeted	Paid
Canadian Friends Service Committee	$100.00	$100.00
Community Metropolitan Ministries	200.00	200.00
Clerk	50.00	47.17
Friends General Conference	200.00	200.00
Hospitality	125.00	99.65
Librarian	75.00	78.39
Ministry & Counsel	100.00	116.83
Miscellaneous	200.00	157.54
Newsletter	80.00	74.95
Quarterly Meeting	150.00	69.66
Religious Education	275.00	240.31
Social Concerns	425.00	425.00
Treasurer	50.00	45.31
Yearly Meeting	1,350.00	1,350.00
Young Friends	40.00	40.00
MEETING HOUSE BUDGET ACCOUNTS:		
Electricity & Water	150.00	246.63
Grounds	300.00	363.47
Heat	750.00	713.92
Insurance	265.00	264.00
Interior Cleaning	100.00	248.53
Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.00	330.62
Supplies	100.00	196.34
Telephone	50.00	106.04
	$6,635.00	$5,714.36

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING LIBRARY

Annual Report

1966/1967

The Library has grown extensively this year. Numerous books and pamphlets have been purchased for the Sunday School. An effort has been made to obtain as many Quaker publications as possible to assist the teachers in their work.

We have received three gifts of books this year that have increased the value of our Library for all ages. Several older Quaker books from the Library of Arthur and Rebecca Perry were the first gift to be presented to us. We are now the proud owners of Seal Thompson's complete library. Her notes in margins and marked passages make the books valuable to historians and friends and to those who knew her intimately over the years. The gift of a few books from Ruth Cheney's library will be of special interest.

These additions have so increased the size of our Library that the classifying of the books becomes necessary, in order that our members can readily use them.

Rebecca B. Monego

Librarian

May 11, 1967

Report of the House and Grounds Committee for the 1966-67 Year

During the past year several major improvements have been made in the Meeting House. The Meeting Room has been redecorated, a completely new kitchen has been installed, and the parlor has been improved. The generous gift of furniture from Seal Thompson's home has added to the beauty of the Meeting House and has enabled us to furnish two guest bedrooms.

We have carried out several recommendations made by an insurance inspector for making the building safer in case of fire. The front and rear doors have been rehung to swing out and crash bar locks have been installed. The plaster in the basement ceiling has been repaired as a fire retarding measure, and we have purchased six fire extinguishers.

Ten folding tables for use in the Meeting House have been purchased. These are for special dinners and meetings, and can be used in the Sunday School rooms if desired. A portable chalk board for the Junior High room was purchased this year.

The House and Grounds Committee is now turning its attention to the outside of the property. We are now in the process of improving the area around the front entrance, and we plan to make further improvements as money and time permit.

We are most grateful for the many hours of volunteer help we have had from many members and interested attenders of our Meeting who have contributed ~~In addition~~ to such projects as painting the kitchen, laying the kitchen floor, and installing a new stair railing outdoors. In addition, the Young Friends have energetically carried out several painting and decorating projects in the Sunday School rooms.

Charles W. Wood

Charles W Wood, Chairman

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT -- 1966-67

Wellesley Monthly Meeting

The religious education program this year bore a two-fold emphasis, corresponding to two major underlying objectives:

1) to involve Meeting members of all ages in joint activities which would express our sympathetic concern for people in need, at the same time as they strengthened the bond between the Sunday School and the Meeting as a whole.

2) to evolve and formulate a curriculum outline which would make possible a minimal amount of continuity in the Sunday School program. This seems all the more desirable in view of teacher turnover and our system of rotating teachers during the year.

Reserve energies went into improving Sunday School facilities and brightening up classrooms.

Initiative for all-Meeting projects came from many sources. As an outgrowth of their study of the earth and the inter-connectedness of living things, Grades 1 and 2 held a cookie sale, the proceeds from which went to the Heifer Project, under whose program a pig was shipped to the Dominican Republic. Even wider Meeting participation attended the drive, led by Grades 5 and 6, to raise funds for the Kindergarten and Day Care Center operated by the AFSC in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam. The grateful letter of the directors, David and Mary Stickney, explaining the importance to these displaced children of bread, milk, and a bed to sleep on, both touched us and reminded us of the continuing need.

Further response to the need came from the Junior High group who sponsored a pancake luncheon for the Meeting in April. Proceeds ($89.16) were sent to the Committee of Responsibility, Inc. -- the physicians' organization which is bringing war-burned and injured children to this country for medical and rehabilitative treatment. The luncheon itself was preceded by a short programmed meeting which had younsters and oldsters conspiring in "Quaker charades" -- a form of not-so-silent humor.

In the meantime, willing hands have been at work brightening Sunday School rooms. Gay curtains now lend color to the Kindergarten and Grades 3-4 classrooms-- the latter signed by the occupants. Young Friends painted tables and chairs for the Junior High and Kindergarten rooms. A new bulletin board was purchased for the Grades 1-2 classroom and a revolving chalkboard for the Junior High room. In addition, a third floor room has been set aside as the Sunday School Teachers' Room and is now equipped with a file cabinet for illustrations and other teaching materials.

If a sense of purpose and expectation has pervaded the Sunday School this year, that is attributable to the devotion of nineteen teachers who gave unstintingly of their energies both in preparing classes and writing the curriculum which is attached.

Robert W. Hillegass, Chmn.

Martha Gordon	Dorothy Hinshaw	Martha Corneel
Rebecca Monego	Kathllen Robinson	Margery Wood

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the Meeting House on Thursday, Sept. 14th, 1967. Thomas Waring read a few lines by Dag Hammerskold to open our period of worship.

The minutes of the June Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

Elizabeth Gulick reported on the successful program conducted in Wellesley by Vietnam Summer, operating out of an office in our Meeting House. Theodora Waring read a letter from Jane Cary Peck co-chairman of Vietnam Summer, expressing their deep appreciation for the use of our building. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel has approved the continued use of one of our rooms as a service that we are very happy to provide to the community. The Meeting expressed its approval.

Elizabeth Gulick will keep us informed on the draft counselling service sponsored by this meeting.

Fred Corneel reported on the recent activities of CMM in the area of rehabilitation of low-cost housing. Mention was also made of many volunteer opportunities where our help is needed.

Ed Hinshaw reported on the arrangements for Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Wellesley on Sunday, October 15, 1967. The program will be quite different from previous meetings. The Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee has requested that our Hospitality Committee be asked to provide refreshments. The Meeting approved. Our members are particularly urged to attend.

Edwin Hinshaw reported that the Committee on Ministry and Counsel will sponsor two small study groups, of no more that 12, which will meet in private homes for 4 weekly meetings during October and November. People will be asked to sign up with a definite commitment to take part. The Meeting approved of the idea.

Elizabeth Baldwin and Edwin Hinshaw gave a report on the New England Yearly Meeting sessions held on August 22-27. There was a very definite feeling of carryover there from the Friends World Conference with many foreign visitors.

Thomas Waring read a letter from Dana Hall Schools inviting us to send a representative to a reception on September 15 to meet the girls and representatives from other Wellesley churches. The Meeting felt it very important that we send someone, and Anne Booth agreed to go.

Finley Perry read the report of the House and Grounds Committee in the absence of Charles Wood. A great deal of work has been accomplished over the summer. Peter and Molly Dimsdale will live in the Meeting apartment this winter and care for our building.

Finley Perry made a few remarks about the current fund drive being held by the Earlham School of Religion. He will be contacting members of our Meeting to contribute during the fall.

Theodora Waring reported for the Committee on Ministry and Counsel that they approve the application for membership of Sheila and Herbert Elion and their children, Gary Douglas, Jonathan Lee and Bethanne. As is customary, our action will be put off until next month. T. Noel and Katherine Stern and their daughter Joan have requested a Certificate of Removal of their membership to North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved with regret.

The Finance Committee will report next month.

Hallie Wright reminded members of a pot luck supper to be held at the Meeting House on Sept. 28th before the reports we will be receiving from attenders at the Friends World Conference.

Norman Landstrom reported on the InterMeeting Legal Committee looking into the sending of aid to all parts of Vietnam via the Canadian Friends Service Committee. Little progress has been made by the committee so far. The check that Wellesley Meeting sent to Canada in May has cleared through without any problem.

After a period of silence the Meeting adjourned to meet again on Thursday, October 12, 1967.

Sylvia S. Perry, Recording Clerk
pro tem

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met on October 12, 1967 at the Meeting House. Thomas Waring, Clerk, began our meeting with a quotation from an early Friend, Francis Howgill.

The September minutes were read, corrected and approved.
The full memberships of Herbert, Sheila and Gary Douglas Elion, and the junior memberships of Jonathan Lee and Bethanne Elion were approved by the Meeting.

Theodora and Thomas Waring and children, and Elizabeth Gulick were designated as members of the welcoming committee for the Elions.

The Finance Committee has postponed its report until November.

Ministry and Counsel reported through Theodora Waring, chairman, concerning the special discussion study groups to be held in October and November.

Elizabeth Gulick announced that Cora and Nicholas Greer and Stanley and Kathleen Robinson of our Meeting are active in planning the draft counselling service. A seminar on the draft counselling is to be held at the AFSC in Cambridge, sponsored by the Unitarian-Universalists, and the Ethical Culture Society. The Cambridge Friends Meeting and the Wellesley Friends Meeting have also been asked to sponsor this seminar. The Meeting approved. A concern was stated that our sponsorship of this be on the basis of a Christian testimony.

A good letter from Wener Heider who is spending the winter in Austiria was read by the Clerk.

A report of the Relgious Education Committee was given by Martha Corneel. Spring bulbs have been planted by the fifth and sixth graders. The Junior High group will study "What is a Quaker", an experimental course planned by the Friends General Conference. Members of the Meeting will be interviewed as part of the study.

The House and Grounds Committee is planning a Clean-up Day on October 28th with the following Satufday as alternate in case of rain.

Friends were reminded of Quarterly Meeting on October 15th to be held in Wellesley. Thomas Waring, Jane Burgess and Hallie Wright were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting.

A brief silence closed this Monthly Meeting.

Submitted by

Margery Wood
Recording Clerk

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met November 9, 1967 at the Meeting House. The Clerk, Thomas Waring, read a poem on the quality of silence written by Edith Warner Johnson.

The October minutes were read and approved.

The Finance Committee reported through Norman Landstrom in the absence of Thomas Cooch, Chm. A proposed budget was presented.

The Meeting authorized the Treasurer to make available to anyone who requested them percentage figures on broad categories of contribution amounts, to give an indication of the basis for giving.

After the proposed budget was presented, the Peace and Social Concerns Chairman, Elizabeth Gulick, requested additional funds for the draft counselling service. The meeting approved an increase of $75 to the Pease and Social Concerns budget for the fiscal year. The Meeting then approved the budget as amended.

Theodora Waring, Chairman of Ministry and Counsel reported. On December 7th, Dr. Beck of Boston U. will speak on The Word and the Spirit to Meeting members. Specially planned supper parties to encourage new attenders to come will precede this meeting. A new membersip and attender list has been prepared with the addition of information concerning occupation and junior memberships. The Meeting approved.

The Religious Education Committee reported through Martha Corneel. The 5th and 6th Grades will sell UNICEF cards in November to Meeting members.

Elizabeth Gulick was asked to contact ministers for information concerning Friends participation in relious activities in our community and to report at the next Monthly Meeting.

The Hospitality Committee reported that the Christmas dinner will be held December 17th.

Social Concerns Committee through Elizabeth Gulick asked for Saturday work crews to assist CMM. CMM have recently purchased 5 new houses for renovating for low cost efficiency apartments. Suzanne Tillinghast has resigned from Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The Nominating Committee was asked to fill this vacancy and any others which may arise.

The withholding of payment of telephone tax will be suggested to members as a form of protest to the federal governments war policies as a matter of individual conscience and not as a recommendation, and will be in the Newsletter. The Meeting approved.

The Meeting approved the payment of the tax on the Meeting phone bill with an attached note of protest.

A report was given on the Quarterly Meeting which was held in Wellesley on October 15th.

Samuel Burgess expressed a concern that the Meeting consider the need for larger quarters for Meeting for Worship, and should urge the Long Range Planning Committee to bring in plans for the future. The Meeting approved our asking for a report.

A silence closed this Monthly Meeting.

Submitted by

Margery Wood

Recording Clerk

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING
BUDGET ADOPTED FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
MAY 31, 1968
WITH EXPENSES BY BUDGET ITEM, FISCAL 1967

ANNUAL BUDGET ACCOUNTS	1967 Budget	1967 Paid	1968 Budget
Canadian Friends Service Committee	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	$ ---
Community Metropolitan Ministries	200.00	200.00	200.00
Clerk	50.00	47.17	50.00
Friends General Conference	200.00	200.00	225.00
Hospitality	125.00	99.65	125.00
Librarian	75.00	78.39	100.00
Ministry and Counsel	100.00	116.83	125.00
Miscellaneous and Postage	200.00	157.54	200.00
Newsletter	80.00	74.95	85.00
Quarterly Meeting	150.00	69.66	85.00
Religious Education	275.00	240.31	325.00
Social Concerns	425.00	425.00	500.00
Treasurer	50.00	45.31	60.00
Yearly Meeting	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,650.00
Young Friends	40.00	40.00	60.00
MEETING HOUSE BUDGET ACCOUNTS			
Electricity, Water and Sewer	150.00	246.63	250.00
Grounds	300.00	363.47	350.00
Heat	750.00	713.92	750.00
Insurance	265.00	264.00	265.00
Interior Cleaning - Regular	100.00	248.53	100.00
- Special			150.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,500.00	330.62	1,500.00
Supplies	100.00	196.34	100.00
Telephone	50.00	106.04	100.00
	$6,635.00	$5,714.36	$7,355.00

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met December 14, 1967 at the Meeting House. Norman Landstrom read from the 139th Psalm.

The November minutes were read and approved.

The Clerk, Thomas Waring, read a letter from Charles Woodbury, Clerk of Cambridge Meeting expressing special appreciation for an excellent Salem Quarterly Meeting held in October in Wellesley.

The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk of Yearly Meeting expressing appreciation for previous use of our Meeting House and requesting our Meeting House for March 30th for a Committee Day. The Meeting approved.

The Treasurer Norman Landstrom reported on the current expenses and receipts. An accounting is attached to these minutes.

Fred Corneel, a representative to Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries told us of the proposed sale of notes to raise money for newly-purchased properties for renovation in Boston. Wellesley Meeting members will receive a description of these financial needs.

The Clerk read the names of two persons - Valeska Ginouves and Norman Landstrom - to be nominated for Social Concerns Committee as requested by the Nominating Committee. The Meeting approved the appointment of these members to serve.

Harold Hoge raised a concern that the Social Concerns Committee consider our joining Project Equality, and that the Social Concerns Committee present some recommendation to the Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved.

After the closing silence, Monthly Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Margery Wood
Recording Clerk

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Treasurer's Report for the Six Months Ending November 30, 1967

Capital Fund.

The balance on hand is now $4,694.23, compared to $4,909,22 on November 30, 1966. We can expect the Fund to be increased by a substantial legacy from the Estate of Seal Thompson, probably before the end of this fiscal year.

Annual Budget.

Contributions to November 30, 1967 were $2,359.39, compared to $2,411.82 a year ago. Expenses were $1,678.11 compared to $1,207.95 a year ago. In both years, all expenses were incurred for operating expenses of the Meeting House and committee expense. Major budget items remaining to be paid are $1,650 for Yearly Meeting, $225 for Friends General Conference, and $200 for Community Metropolitan Ministry.

Reserve for Major Repairs.

After transfer of $1500 as authorized by June Monthly Meeting, the balance is now $3000.

Detailed figures of receipts and disbursements are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Landstrom, Treasurer

ANNUAL BUDGET

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$2,203.63
Contributions through 11/30/67	2,359.39
	$4,714.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to Reserve for Major Repairs	1,500.00
Expenses	1,678.11
	$3,178.41
On hand 11/30/67	1,536.41

RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

Receipts

On hand 6/1/67	1,500.00
Transferred from Annual Budget	1,500.00
On hand 11/30/67	$3,000.00

CAPITAL FUND

Receipts

On Hand 6/1/67	4,782.08
Contributions through 11/30/67	619.49
	$5,401.57

Disbursements

Expenses	707.34
On hand 11/30/67	$4,694.23

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL FUND

Receipts

On hand 6/1/67	1,889.13

Disbursements

None	
On hand 11/30/67	1,889.13

RUTH CHANEY FUND

Receipts

On hand 6/1/67	10.00
Contributions	10.00
	20.00

Disbursements

Community Service, Inc.	20.00
On hand 11/30/67	0

MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

Receipts

On hand 6/1/67	0
Contributions	120.00
	120.00

Disbursements

Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children	120.00
On hand 11/30/67	0

RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS WITH BANK BALANCES

Assets.

Annual Budget balance	1,536.41
Reserve for Major Repairs	3,000.00
Capital Fund	4,694.23
Ministry and Counsel Fund	1,889.13
	$11,119.77

Bank Accounts.

Checking account, So. Shore National Bank	2,675.70
Newton Savings, Account #W 1171	6,554.94
Newton Savings, Account #3-128751	1,889.13
	$11,119.77

Note - Figures do not include July, 1967 interest on Savings Accounts, which have not yet been added to bank book balances.

Statistics for Wellesley Monthly Meeting for 1967

	Particular Meetings			Totals
PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT				
When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.				
1. Number of Members last year, DEC 31 1966				106
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report, DEC 31 1966				0
3. Additions by Birth,				0
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,				5
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				4
6. Total Additions, DEC 31 1966				9
7. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				0
8. Loss by Death,				1
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,				0
10. Loss by Certificate to another Friends Meeting,				3
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				0
12. Total Loss,				4
13. Number of Members this Year, DEC 31 1967				111
14. Net Gain,				5
15. Net Loss,				0
16. Number of Males,				48
17. Number of Females,				63
18. Number under 21 years of age,				49
19. Number of Junior Members,				53
20. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,				*1
21. Number of Resident Members,				107
22. Number of Non-Resident Members,				4
23. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate),				80
24. Average Attendance of Children at Sunday School,				50
25. Average Attendance of Adults at Sunday School,				0
26. Number of Sunday School Classes.				6
Number of Affiliate members				2
* Due to previous recording error				

[redacted]VE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.

[redacted]GGESTIONS.—To be sure that no mistakes occur in this report, observe the following.

1. See that No. 1 is correct as it was reported last year. If a mistake in last year's figures has been discovered since then, call it "Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report," (see No. 2) or "Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report," (see No. 7), as the case may be, and add or subtract as may be required to make No. 13 on this report exactly correct, then write a brief note of explanation on the report.

2. The addition of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 will give No. 6; and of 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 will give No. 12.

3. If No. 6 is larger than No. 12, subtract No. 12 from No. 6 to obtain No. 14; but if No. 12 is larger subtract No. 6 from No. 12 to obtain No. 15. Of course only one of the numbers 14 and 15 will have figures. If there is a "net gain," add No. 14 to No. 1 to obtain No. 13. If there is a "net loss," subtract No. 15 from No. 1 to obtain No. 13.

4. See that No. 13 is the same as the sum of 16 and 17, and of 21 and 22.

5. Keep your records corrected up to date. Good records make easy reports.

6. Keep on hand a copy of this report for future reference.

Thomas Waring
Clerk

The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met January 11th, 1968 at the Meeting House. The Clerk opened the Meeting by reading a short passage from Rachel Carson's A Sense of Wonder and a silent worship followed.

Elizabeth Wait and Karen Eister gave reports on their experiences at the Young People's Conference at Woolman Hill in December. The themes reported on were civil disobedience and moral responsibility.

The December minutes were read and approved.

A report from Ministry and Counsel was made by Theodora Waring, chairman. Proposed discussion groups for the spring were mentioned. These would be four sessions on a topic by the same group meeting together. Possible topics are Religion in Daily Life, Expanding Human Awareness. The chairman asked for other possible topic suggestions. She also announced a proposed panel discussion on drugs.

Ruth Hoge as Young Friends Adviser announced a joint meeting with Young Friends, Social Concerns Committee and other members of Meeting to discuss conscientious objection and resistance to the draft.

Elizabeth Gulick, chairman of Social Concerns Committee reported on the Wellesley Ministerial Association. Our Meeting has been invited to send a representative to the Ministerial luncheons. Also, we are invited to the ecumenical discussions among laymen going on in this area. The next Ministerial Association meeting will be a panel discussion on the draft with representatives from the AFSC and theWellesley Public Schools. Elizabeth Gulick will represent our Meeting.

Our Meeting will be one of the sponsors for the Easter Viggil on Good Friday in Boston. Theodora Waring and Valeska Ginouves are suggested representatives to the planning committee.

Representatives to the Salem Quarterly Meeting on January 21st were appointed as follows: Theodora Waring, Anne Booth, Jane Burgess.

Anne Booth of the Long Range Planning Committee reported.

To investigate the question of additional seating space for Meeting for Worship a sum of $2000 was approved to be used at the discretion of the committee. A resume of the Long Range Planning Committee's proposals for solving our housing problem is to be prepared and circulated. Ministry and Counsel is directed to consider plans, temporary in nature, to relieve overcrowding during Meeting for Worship. The Meeting approved.

A closing silence was followed by Adjournment

Submitted by
Margery Wood

1968 The Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met on February 8th, at the Meeting House. The Clerk gave an opening statement concerning the spirit of Friends business meetings and decisions, especially in the light of our consideration of arrangements for worship.

The Clerk, Thomas Waring, read a communication from Charles and Margery Wood who are resigning their duties in the Meeting because of an overseas assignment to Nigeria. The Nominating Committee was asked to meet and bring in suggested names for the positions of Chairman of House and Grounds, member of Ministry and Counsel and Recording Clerk. A travelling minute for the Woods is to be prepared by the Clerk.

A workshop on the Small Groups and the Life of the Meeting to be held at Powell House was announced. Ministry and Counsel was asked to seek a Wellesley member who might be able to attend.

A report from Ministry and Counsel was made by Theodora Waring. Discussion groups for the spring are being planned. Religion and/or Morality in Every day Life will be discussed on four Sundays evenings in a row with the members committed to attend each discussion. Also an open-ended fellowship group is to be formed to meet every other Sunday at the Meeting House.

A first draft of the Spiritual Condition Report was read by Theodora Waring and suggestions are to be given to her, if members have ideas for revision.

Elizabeth Gulick, chairman of Social Concerns Committee reported. The Friends Coordinating Committee for Peace has requested a reconsideration of the Friends Peace Testimony. The Social Concerns Committee will meet and consider suggestions to be forwarded. Any interested members of the Meeting are invited to participate. A report will be made to the next Monthly Meeting.

Reports were then made by those from our Montly Meeting who attended the Washington Mobilization for Clergy and Laymen for Peace. Sheila Elion, Valeska Ginouves, Nita Regnier, Nancy Strong and Elizabeth Gulick reported. Talks were held with Congress men, the direction for the future of peace activities was discussed. The gathering was inspirational. We are in a time of crisis- some felt that the Congress felt impotent, others felt civil disobedience was our last resort. It was suggested, however, that this war, having violated treaties and conventions has reached the point where peace groups represent a higher patriotism.

Ruth Hoge reported for the Long Range Planning Committee. Our Committee has been investigating four possible architects. The Committee feels the need for more ideas and opinions of what the Meeting really wants in the way of larger facilities, it needed.

Concerns were expressed that alternative means of coping

with large attendance on Sunday morning be explored. Ministry and Counsel is considering the problem.

Small groups of the Meeting may meet to consider all aspects of this problem, and the Long Range Planning Committee will then prepare detailed alternative plans to present to the entire Meeting.

An experiment in using two rooms and two Meetings for Worship for several Sundays is to be tried in March to alleviate crowding. An announcement is to be in a Newsletter prior to this.

We closed the meeting in a short period of silence.

Submitted by

Margery Wood
Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met on Thursday, March 14, 1968 at the Meeting House. Edwin Hinshaw opened our period of worship by reading part of the Book of Romans, Chapter 12.

Harold Hoge reported for the Nominating Committee on appointments made to fill positions held by Charles and Margery Wood before they left for Nigeria:

Recording Clerk -	Sylvia Perry
Committee on Ministry and Counsel -	Elsie Landstrom
Committee on House and Grounds -	Rudman Ham

These appointments were approved.

The minutes of our February Monthly Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Norman Landstrom gave the Treasurer's Report for the past nine months which follows these minutes. Eight families in the Meeting have contributed $20 each to the fund for the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children. The need continues. Our total budget has not yet been met and reminders will be sent to those members who have not contributed.

Frederic Corneel, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, read the State of Society Report as revised since last month. After considerable discussion of the section concerning our problems of overcrowding on Sunday mornings, the wording was clarified and the report approved. The plan for holding two simultaneous meetings for worship on Sunday morning was explained. There is to be a discussion meeting on the subject of Drugs on Sunday evening, March 31st with Dr. William Tenby, Psychiatrist, as speaker. Small supper parties in various homes will be held before the meeting.

A Certificate of Removal has been received from Rochester, New York Monthly Meeting on behalf of Sanjiv and Mary Kathryn Kamath and their children Tara, Shanta, Keshav and Kathryn who wish to transfer their membership to Wellesley Monthly Meeting. The Meeting warmly approved and appointed Elsie and Norman Landstrom to welcome them.

William and Nancy Strong have also applied for membership, but we have not yet received their Certificate of Removal from Morningside Heights Monthly Meeting in New York.

There will be a Peace Witness on Good Friday, April 12th, on Boston Common near the Park Street Subway Station sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the five Monthly Meetings of Salem Quarter. A larger crowd than formerly is expected this year. Elizabeth Gulick, Valeska Ginouves, Theodora Waring, Nancy Strong and Sheila Elion were appointed as Overseers, and we will also ask David Rhoads if he will serve.

Elizabeth Gulick, reporting for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, announced that Bronson Clark of the American Friends Service Committee is coming to New England in April and will speak in Wellesley on April 16th at a meeting co-sponsored by the Wellesley Vietnam Peace Project and Wellesley Monthly Meeting.

The Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace has asked all local meetings to consider the wording of a brief statement of the Friends Peace Testimony for distribution to the general public. Members of our

Meeting have agreed on a few changes in the statement as printed, and we will return the statement as amended with a covering letter detailing the feelings of some of our members. The letter and statement are attached.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee would like to contribute money to one of the Draft Resistance groups currently active. Because of confusion among our members, it was decided to put details on all the groups in our Newsletter before we decided which one to give to.

Samuel Burgess spoke of his concern that we word traveling minutes with care in order that meetings overseas should not feel obliged to provide hospitality to our traveling members.

The open ended discussion held on alternate Sunday evenings at the Meeting House has decided to concentrate on the Report of the Commission on Civil Disorders and problems of our cities.

Frederic Corneel made the suggestion that we try holding a Monthly Meeting for Business on a Sunday following Meeting for Worship, in order that more young people and attenders can be present.

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE SOCIETY

Approved March 14, 1968

The annual self evaluation of the spiritual condition of our Meeting is a worthwhile exercise in direct proportion to the number of people who participate. As with all evaluations, the thinking and analyzing brings forth fruits of increased self knowledge and appreciation. It is more than holding a mirror up to the face of the Meeting; it should be a careful scrutiny of the heart and core of Wellesley Monthly Meeting.

Statistically within the past year our Meeting has had: two marriages (away from Wellesley), one birth, one death, and five new members as well as four transferred members. The mirror tells us that; but the effect of these basic experiences has been to increase our tenderness toward each others' sorrows and joys. Many new attenders have joined our Meeting, but the real challenge continues to be to help them feel wanted, needed and involved in the life of the Meeting.

As our numbers grow, it becomes increasingly difficult to know each others' interests and strengths. Only by continued communication with each other and thoughtful endeavor to use each other's skills can the Meeting grow and provide mutual enrichment. Our ministry has reflected our searchings and concerns, constantly seeking a spiritual source. The quality of inspirational ministry takes nourishing and grows slowly. In lieu of direct ministerial encouragement we trust that a genuine atmosphere of mutual trust and appreciation in the Meeting contributes to significant common worship services.

We are aware of the fact that some are attracted to Friends because of traditional commitments to social action. The increasing deterioration of the peace and security of our world for black Americans, Asians and white liberals poses unanswered challenges, and keeps our consciences raw. There is no excuse for smug satisfaction. Have we lost those attenders through our inability to translate our general concern for humanity into Meeting-sponsored specific actions? How can a group of roughly 187 people be all things to all people - satisfy their religious longings and give opportunity for service for them all - and still keep its identity as a religious body of Friends? If this multi-function is expected of an "alive" Meeting in 1968, then Wellesley Monthly Meeting has some hard thinking and concerned planning to do. A wide variety of worthwhile social programs occupy us individually, but so far Wellesley Monthly Meeting has made very few corporate decisions. Will the Meeting's sponsorship of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries reflect sufficient interest to sustain our obligation? Do we answer the spiritual needs of the students joining us week after week?

To meet the longing for belonging to a smaller vital group, Ministry and Counsel sponsored one 4-session discussion group on the Generation Gap in the fall. The beautiful developing of new recognition and mutual respect for each other as a result of shared thinking on a chosen topic has encouraged us to offer more such study groups this spring. To balance the intimate involvement of the small group, we engaged in December an evening speaker on the Relevance of the Old Testament, with another open meeting on Drugs scheduled this March. Both of these were preceded by good fellowship at small supper parties.

The fact that our meeting room is often full to overflowing with members, attenders, Dana Hall and Wellesley girls, all of whom have contributed to the ministry, is spurring the Long Range Planning Committee into consideration of building a separate meeting space or of other methods of dealing with the problem of overcrowding. The consequence of whatever we decide will occupy the attention and finances of our members; but it is to be hoped that we will be able to keep property concerns subordinate to human needs. We keep coming back to the eternal truth that humanity starts when two people interrelate; and so guided, it is our hope that the atmosphere of Wellesley Monthly Meeting will encourage understanding and loving interrelations between all ages. The Junior High plan to have an older "Meeting Friend" of whom the teenager could ask questions, is a step in the right direction. This type of thing should be encouraged. The monthly arrival of our lucid Newsletter is felt to contribute to the community of the Meeting.

We work for a stronger Meeting as well as a larger one next year.

submitted,

Theodora Elkinton Waring

Theodora Elkinton Waring
Chairman of Ministry and Counsel

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Treasurer's Report for the Nine Months Ending February 29, 1968

Capital Fund.

The balance on hand is now $5,192.50. No capital expenses have been incurred since November 30, 1967.

Annual Budget.

Contributions to February 29, 1968 were $5,654.39 and expenses to the same date were $4,769.22. Our contributions to Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, Friends General Conference and Community Metropolitan Ministry have been paid in full. Of our total budget of $7,355, about $1,500 is intended to be set aside in the Reserve for Major Repairs, and we will need additional contributions to reach this goal.

Detailed figures of receipts and disbursements are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Landstrom, Treasurer

ANNUAL BUDGET

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$2,203.63
Contributions through 2/29/68	5,654.39
Miscellaneous Receipts	81.50
	$7,939.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to Reserve for Major Repairs	$1,500.00
Expenses	4,769.22
	$6,269.22
On hand 2/29/68	$1,670.30

RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$1,500.00
Transferred from Annual Budget	1,500.00
On hand 2/29/68	$3,000.00

CAPITAL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$4,782.08
Contributions through 2/29/68	819.49
Interest received, 7/10/67 and 1/10/68	298.27
	$5,899.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses	$ 707.34
On hand 2/29/68	5,192.50

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$1,889.13
Interest received, 7/10/67 and 1/10/68	85.95
	$1,975.08

DISBURSEMENTS

None

On hand 2/29/68	$1,975.08

RUTH CHANEY FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand	$ 10.00
Contributions	10.00
Disbursements	$ 20.00
Community Service, Inc.	20.00
On hand 2/29/68	0

MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$ 0
Contributions	160.00
	$ 160.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children	$ 160.00
On hand 2/29/68	0

RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS WITH BANK BALANCES

Assets.

Annual Budget balance	$1,670.30
Reserve for Major Repairs	3,000.00
Capital Fund	5,192.50
Ministry and Counsel Fund	1,975.08
	$11,837.88

Bank Accounts.

Checking account, So Shore Nat'l Bank	$3,009.59
Newton Savings, Acct. W-1171	6,853.21
Newton Savings, Acct. 3-128751	1,975.08
	$11,837.88

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March 18, 1968

Dear Anne Foster,

I am sending with this letter a copy of the Friends Peace Testimony as revised by several members of our Wellesley Meeting and then presented to Monthly Meeting for approval. You will note that there are only four changes, fairly minor ones.

We omitted 'the' before Christian faith, feeling that it made the testimony sound too exclusively Christian. We preferred the word 'expression' to 'law' of life in the second paragraph. We felt a bit uncomfortable about the first sentence in the third paragraph: 'Our peace testimony is under Divine compulsion.' and preferred just to omit it. And the last word we changed from 'him' to 'himself.'

In our Meeting - as in all Meetings, I'm sure, - there are many Friends who do not entirely subscribe to the Peace Testimony - some for pragmatic reasons but some, more deeply, for philosophical and ethical reasons. In short, law and justice, and the 'good' for the greatest number of people sometimes, they feel, may justify violence and thus place these values above love. It's hard xxxxxxx to separate 'what works' with what is 'right', and they would maintain that love does not suffice in all situations. Anyway, in deference to these views we inserted in the last paragraph the sentence: 'We recognize that many members of the Society of Friends cannot accept the full implication of the Peace Testimony: nevertheless we believe this ethical and religious standard should be reaffirmed by the Society.' But at Monthly Meeting after considerable discussion it was decided that this weakened the statement, which was the historical position of Friends and valuable for that reason alone. And the final decision was to omit this modifying sentence from our final draft. This was done with the agreement of all.

For all of us, but particularly for those who felt unable to give priority to the Peace Testimony under all circumstances, we felt that the testimony can serve as a measuring stick, at least, a goal and a good to living a life of greater Christian love. I was instructed, therefore, to send you our revised statement with the four changes, and the above explanation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gulick
Chairman, Peace and Social
Concerns Committee

copy to Sylvia Perry
Recording Clerk

THE FRIENDS PEACE TESTIMONY

A Challenge for Our Time

THE TESTIMONY OF FRIENDS AGAINST ALL WAR AND FOR PEACE is firmly based in the Christian faith as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus, the Scriptures, the history of the early church, the experience of Friends during 300 years, and the continuing revelation of the Light in the lives of men.

We declare our faith in these abiding truths taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ: Every individual of every race and nation is of supreme worth. Love is the highest law of life. Violence is to be overcome by positive good will expressed in individual behavior and in the institutions of law and justice and freedom.

Our peace testimony is under Divine compulsion. Our first allegiance is to the God of love. If this allegiance is challenged by demands of the state, we must obey God rather than men.

In humility, we acknowledge our involvement in war and our inability to disengage ourselves completely from it. This does not excuse us from lifelong, sacrificial efforts in peacemaking. Each Friend has the responsibility to seek and to live the full implications of the peace testimony for himself

Say NO to Warmaking

Friends are called:

- To engage in nonviolent ways of correcting injustice, whether committed by individuals or states, including political, racial and economic exploitation.
- To consider seriously the implications of our employment, our investments, our standard of living, and our payment of taxes, as they relate to war-making.
- To refuse participation in the armed forces and in military training. As Friends of draft age, to perform work as conscientious objectors, or refuse to register, or to withhold cooperation with conscription in other ways.
- To be obedient to Divine leading for participation in civil disobedience as one way of working for peace, as has been repeatedly evidenced by the historic witness of Friends.

Say YES to Peacemaking

Friends are called:

- To become more competent by seeking facts necessary to understand issues and by striving for effectiveness in action.
- To volunteer in increasing numbers for major periods of time for peace education and action. Monthly Meetings should accept responsibility for helping individuals to free themselves for this service.
- To search for specific opportunities for peace action, being generous with time and resources in supporting peace efforts by Monthly and Yearly Meetings and by other Friends' organizations. A corporate, as well as an individual, witness must be made.
- To engage in corporate seeking for unity in understanding and action that attitudes essential to peace may be realized and maintained.
- To appeal to other churches to renounce war and to intensify work for peace.
- To speak and act courageously for peace regardless of personal cost.

Making Peace and Abolishing War

In today's world with increasing capacity for slaughter and destruction by atomic, chemical, bacteriological and conventional warfare, the goal of Friends is the total elimination of war. But peace is more than the abolition of war. Peace is world law with love, justice and freedom.

Among the requirements for peace demanding our efforts as individuals and the action of governments are the following:

1. Recognizing that political solutions must be consistent with moral and spiritual truth.
2. Accepting and practicing the spirit of peace with total rejection of war as a method of dealing with conflict.
3. Building a viable world community, based on recognition of common humanity and common interests, strengthened by unselfish action to meet the needs of all men, and by acceptance of the institutions necessary for a peaceful world society.

4 Reconciling ideological, national and racial conflicts with recognition of the constructive contributions differing backgrounds make toward true world community.

5 Changing the present international system, in which war is an integral part, into a new International Peace System through a more effective United Nations.
This includes:

a. The rule of law with

(1) Strengthened procedures and institutions for the peaceful resolution of conflicts and peaceful change.

(2) Universal and complete disarmament.

(3) Peaceful enforcement by judicial and nonmilitary means upon the individual person violating world law.

b. Meeting human needs with

(1) Adequate help in the right spirit for disadvantaged peoples of the world to achieve economic growth and political stability to overcome hunger and ignorance, disease and despair which are among the root causes of revolution and war.

(2) Widespread encouragement of voluntary family planning and population control based on respect for the dignity of persons.

(3) Necessary economic changes which place the needs of humanity first. The coming of peace is intimately bound up with a need of developing in men and nations a sense of social responsibility in the acquisition and use of material possessions.

As conflicts continue in a shrinking world, with increasingly destructive weapons, our task grows greater and more urgent for our nation and all nations. The possibility of creating the conditions of peace and the machinery for peace are within man's grasp.

This is a spiritual challenge. Friends should welcome joyfully this opportunity to apply spiritual insights in developing the attitudes and institutions which can bring a peaceful world in our times.

We pray for Divine guidance in the Lord's work. We ask His help in maintaining a spirit of love and concern for all mankind in everything we do.

A consultative-and-action group of representatives from several Yearly Meetings and Quaker organizations—for liaison, coordination and clearinghouse purposes, for the exchange, development and promotion of ideas and activities in peace work.

In 1965 a ferment in several Yearly Meetings indicated that Friends should undertake a corporate re-examination of their peace testimony, particularly for new dimensions and 20th century language. FCCP agreed to help. The thousand Quaker Meetings in the U. S. were sent questionnaires and invited to write statements and express concerns.

In mid-1967 this resulted in two things:

- A booklet, "The Peace Testimony of Friends in the 20th Century"; six chapters, with "reactions" to each. (50¢ each, ten for $4. from FCCP.)
- This brief statement, which was prepared by the forty Representatives and Observers who make up FCCP.

THE FRIENDS PEACE TESTIMONY

A CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME

FCCP asks each Yearly Meeting of Friends:

- *To endorse and adopt this statement.*
- *If not able to adopt it as is, then to modify and adopt.*
- *If unable to accept this as a base, then to issue a current statement of this generation's testimony.*

FRIENDS COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON PEACE

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Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House on Thursday, April 11, 1968. Samuel Burgess served as Acting Clerk in the absence of Thomas Waring. He opened the period of worship by reading the words of Whittier's hymn "Oh, Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart".

Lloyd Lewis, Business Manager of Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, was introduced. He described the various activities that have been carried on there as well as plans for the future.

Samuel Burgess read a letter from Barbara Brown French giving news of herself and her husband and requesting the transfer of her membership to Penn Valley Monthly Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri.

Theodora Waring, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, reported on the March discussion groups. Three Young Friends would like to go to the Young Friends Citizenship Seminar in Washington, D.C. in May. Money will be contributed from the budgets of Young Friends and of Ministry and Counsel. Thirty Wellesley College girls have taken a course on draft counseling and would like to use space in our Meeting House in their work with young men. The Meeting gave its approval.

A letter and Certificate of Removal for William and Nancy Strong have been received from New York Monthly Meeting, and the Meeting accepted them into membership. Harold and Ruth Hoge were appointed to welcome them.

Ruth Landstrom announced that the 5th and 6th Grade Class plans to hold a benefit sale on Sunday, May 5th to raise money to support a Vietnamese orphan through the Meeting for Sufferings for Vietnamese Children.

Harold Hoge announced that the House and Grounds Committee will hold a Meeting House work day on Saturday, May 11th. A new couple has been signed up to live in and care for the Meeting House beginning at the end of June.

Theodora Waring expressed her deep concern that we take steps in support of legislative action on the national and state level in in the fields of housing, jobs, etc. for low income income black people, and she provided mimeographed sheets of suggestions, as well as copies of the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. The Meeting felt at one with her concern. Various people spoke on how the climate is changing and what many groups are doing to help solve the problems of racism in our communities in the aftermath of the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Elizabeth Gulick asked that members consider making a substantial gift to some black organization as a memorial to Dr. King. There was a feeling that a gift to a local Boston group would be more meaningful than giving to some national organization. A committee consisting of Elizabeth Conant, Ruth Cooch and Finley Perry was appointed to raise a sum of at least $1000 in individual contributions as a memorial gift in the name of the Meeting. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee was requested to bring in its recommendation as to which group should receive the money, at our May Monthly Meeting.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee suggested that the Meeting consider putting one or more of its bank accounts with the Unity

Bank and Trust Company, the new inter-racial bank in Roxbury. The Meeting approved this in principle and referred the details to the Finance Committee.

The Wellesley Clergy Association is sponsoring a meeting on Sunday evening, May 5th on the draft, with a panel representing three different points of view. This will be followed up by workshops at a later date.

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met on Thursday, May 9, 1968 at the Meeting House. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened our period of worship with an especially appropriate prayer for these times.

He then read various requests from Salem Quarterly Meeting. In response, we appointed as Representatives to New England Yearly Meeting in August Ruth Hoge and Lewis Wright with Theodora Waring as alternate; and as a member of Salem Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee Edwin Hinshaw. Another appointment is yet to be made. As Representative to Salem Quarterly Meeting to be held on May 19 at Lawrence, we appointed Theodora Waring and Allan Elster. Edwin Hinshaw outlined the planned program for this meeting, which will include real discussion of the State of Society Reports, as well as a full program of activities for children and young people.

Harold Hoge, Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee, which follows these minutes. The Meeting approved the report with special appreciation. One or two vacancies remain to be filled, and it was agreed to let the Committee continue the search.

Treasurer Norman Landstrom reported five categories in which we had over-spent our budget and requested that the Meeting approve the payments for these expenses. Approval was given. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel was requested to determine whether our caretakers should be paid for extra cleaning, out of the remuneration we receive from the Reading Research Institute for the use of our building.

Theodora Waring, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, read a letter from Middletown, Connecticut Monthly Meeting concerning the transfer of Elizabeth Conant's membership to our Meeting. We accepted the transfer, and Elsie and Norman Landstrom were appointed to welcome her.

Martha Cornell, for the Religious Education Committee, recommended that Friends look at the new Religious Education Objectives worked out by Friends General Conference. The 5th and 6th Grade May Fair raised over $50 to support the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children.

Edwin Hinshaw explained the new plan for the Friends General Conference Cape May Conference in June this year and reminded us that our Meeting should appoint one delegate. Elizabeth Gulick expressed a desire to go, and the Meeting approved her appointment.

Elizabeth Gulick, reporting on behalf of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, recommended that we send our gift in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. to the Boston Branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The total contributed so far is $870. After some discussion and suggestions that part of the money be given to the American Friends Service Committee Roxbury Office for work actually in Boston, it was agreed that we send $800 or 3/4 of the sum finally collected, whichever is greater, to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference without strings, and the remainder will go to the American Friends Service Committee. There was a strong [illegible] that Friends should particularly support non-violent activities. Theodora Waring suggested that members collect food and clothing for the Poor Peoples' Campaign, and the Meeting approved.

Elizabeth Gulick told of the disruptive picketing of the meeting on the draft held by the Wellesley Clergy Association on May 5th.

Theodora Waring reported that there was a deficit in the accounts of the Good Friday Witness for Peace and asked members of the Meeting to contribute $15 to help make this up. Samuel Burgess offered to collect this sum.

Sylvia S. Perry

Assistant Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends

Committees for the year 1968-1969

Clerk:	Thomas Waring
Assistant Clerk:	Sylvia Perry
Treasurer:	Norman Landstrom
Recorder:	Robert Hillegass
Secretary:	Ruth Satterthwaite
Librarian:	Rebecca Monego
Assistant Librarian:	Dorothy Hinshaw
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Auditor:	Alexander Zavelle
Meeting Arrangements:	Ruth Cooch

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Anne Booth, Chairman
Rebecca Monego, Alternate Chairman
Jane Burgess
Frederic Corneel
Anne Gary
Edwin Hinshaw
Elsie Landstrom
Charles Myers
Thomas Waring, ex officio

Religious Education

Martha Corneel, Chairman
Clema Blum
Martha Gordon
Ruth Ham
Ruth Hoge
Mary Kay Kamath
Martha Kroch
Laura Logan

Social Concerns

Elizabeth Conant, Chairman
Valeska Ginouves
Elizabeth Gulick
Norman Landstrom
Robert Mayer
Nita Regnier
Stanley Robinson
William Strong

Hospitality

Harold Hoge, Chairman
Caroline Axten
Dorothy Eister
Carman Mayer
Helen Roca-Garcia
Theodora Waring
Virginia Zavelle

Quarterly Meeting Arrangements

Edwin Hinshaw
Ruth Hoge

House and Grounds

Finley Perry, Chairman
George Conant
Albert Ginouves
Rudman Ham
Faith Tiberio
Barbara Warner
Lewis Wright

Long Range Planning

Ruth Hoge, Chairman
Anne Booth
Samuel Burgess
Martha Corneel
Benjamin Gary
Garrett Hoag
Jeanette McPherrin
Finley Perry
Thomas Waring

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Margaret Hoag
Constantin Monego
Joseph Tiberio
Norman Landstrom, ex officio

Young Friends Advisors

Sheila Elion
Kathleen Robinson

Delegates to Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries

Frederic Corneel
Lewis Wright

Representatives to Wellesley Clergy Association

Allan Eister
Elizabeth Gulick

Nominating Committee

Theodora Waring, Chairman
Frederic Corneel
Dorothy Hinshaw
Harold Hoge
Sylvia Perry

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met on Thursday, June 13, 1968 at the Meeting House with Thomas Waring, Clerk, presiding.

Theodora Waring, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, reported that a letter has been received from Dover, New Hampshire Monthly Meeting requesting that we receive Rudman Ham into our membership on transfer. He plans also to ask that his children become Junior Members. Martha and Frederic Corneel and family will express our welcome to the Hams.

Theodora Waring read a statement proposing that Wellesley Monthly Meeting offer the "hospitality" of our Meeting House to draft resisters. This would be done, not because we necessarily agree with their stand, or encourage it, but because of our basic testimony against all war and because we believe in the right of individuals to follow the dictates of conscience. We would give this moral support as a real commitment on the part of the Meeting. Careful publicity is an important part of this witness.

After lengthy discussion, the Meeting accepted the proposal of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel. A committee consisting of Norman Landstrom, Convenor, Elsie Landstrom, Jane Burgess, Robert Mayer, Theodora Waring and Lewis Wright was appointed to handle the necessary details. (Ministry and Counsel's initial statement plus two subsequent special Newsletters issued by the committee, further establishing guidelines for this witness, are attached to these minutes.)

Martha Corneel read the Annual Report of the Religious Education Committee, which follows the minutes.

Elizabeth Gulick, Chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, read a letter from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference thanking us for our gift in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Committee has studied Project Equality and has decided that it is a more complicated project than we need to get involved with. For our limited needs, we can always insist that a business firm we deal with carries out fair employment practices. There was some question as to the effectiveness of our witness if we do it without a larger organization. The final decision was again deferred to a later meeting. Elizabeth Gulick then read the Annual Report of her committee which follows.

Norman Landstrom gave his Annual Treasurer's Report. He asked the Meeting for authorization to transfer our checking account and the Ministry and Counsel Fund to the Unity Bank and Trust Company in Roxbury when it opens for business later this month. The Meeting approved and authorized the assistant clerk to incorporate the necessary resolutions in the minutes when they can be obtained. Thomas Cooch, Chairman of the Finance Committee, was authorized to sign checks and make withdrawals in the absence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer also asked permission to transfer $1500 to the Reserve Fund for Major Repairs, and to pay for expenditures during the summer until the new budget is adopted in September. These requests were approved.

The Reports of the House and Grounds Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee and the Hospitality Committee were put off until

September. It was decided to provide extra copies of the reports of the Religious Education and Peace and Social Concerns Committees for those who are interested.

Harold Hoge reported that he and Ruth have welcomed William and Nancy Strong and their children to the Meeting.

Lewis Wright reported that China Camp still has openings for both grade school and junior high groups. He asked the Meeting to consider contributing to this Yearly Meeting camp.

Sylvia G. Perry

Recording Clerk

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1968

In addition to meeting its current financial obligations, individual members of the Meeting have contributed $1,095 to a Memorial Fund for Martin Luther King, Jr., and have contributed and earned through the May Fair $280 for the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children.

ANNUAL BUDGET AND RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

Total cash receipts were $7,573.49, including contributions of $7,384.39 and miscellaneous receipts of $164.10, mostly rental from Reading Research Institute. Our cash expenditures were $6,100.04, leaving an operating surplus of $1,473.45. During the year, $1,500 was transferred from our operating surplus of the preceding fiscal year to the Reserve for Major Repairs, which now amounts to $3,000. Cash on hand available for transfer to the Reserve and for current operating expenses is $2,152.08. I recommend transfer of $1,500 more to the Reserve for Major Repairs.

CAPITAL FUND

At the beginning of the year, the Capital Fund amounted to $4,782.08. Contributions of $919.49 and interest of $298.27 were received, and expenses of $707.34 were paid. In addition, the expenditure of $2,000 by the Long Range Planning Committee was authorized, but no expenses have as yet been presented for payment by the Committee.

No payments on account of the legacy under the will of

Seal Thompson were received during the year. I expect that a substantial payment will be received in the next fiscal year and would appreciate the guidance of the Finance Committee as to its investment when received.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

No expenditures were made from this Fund in the fiscal year. With interest of $85.95, it now amounts to $1,975.08.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FUND

Members of the Meeting contributed $1,095 during the year to this Fund. $800 has been paid to the Boston chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to be used in its discretion. The balance will be paid to AFSC for use in its Roxbury black-directed community program.

MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

Individual members of the Meeting contributed a total of $240, or $20 per month, for the support of a Vietnamese child awaiting adoption and transportation to the United States. In addition, the 5th and 6th grade of the Sunday School have contributed $40 from the proceeds of the May Fair for this purpose.

Detailed figures are attached to this report showing receipts and expenditures for the Annual Budget (including a schedule showing expenditures by Budget item), the Reserve for Major Repairs, the Capital Fund, the Ruth Chaney Memorial Fund, the Ministry and Counsel Fund, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Fund, and the New England Peace Witness Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Landstrom, Treasurer

ANNUAL BUDGET

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$2,203.63
Contributions through 5/31/68	7,384.39
Miscellaneous Receipts	139.10
1966 check stopped	25.00
	$9,752.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to Reserve for Major Repairs	$1,500.00
Expenses	6,100.04
	$7,600.04
On hand 5/31/68	2,152.08

RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$1,500.00
Transferred from Annual Budget	1,500.00
On hand 5/31/68	$3,000.00

CAPITAL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$4,782.08
Contributions through 5/31/68	919.49
Interest received, 7/10/67 and 1/10/68	298.27
	$5,999.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses	$ 707.34
On hand 5/31/68	$5,292.50

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$1,889.13
Interest received, 7/10/67 and 1/10/68	85.95
	$1,975.08

DISBURSEMENTS

None	
On hand 5/31/68	$1,975.08

RUTH CHANEY FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand	$ 10.00
Contributions	10.00
	$ 20.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Community Service, Inc.	$ 20.00
On hand 5/31/68	0

MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$ 0
Contributions	280.00
	$ 280.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children	$ 280.00
On hand 5/31/68	0

NEW ENGLAND WITNESS FOR PEACE

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	$ 0
Contributions	15.00
	$ 15.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense of vigil	$ 15.00
On hand 5/31/68	0

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/67	0
Contributions through 5/31/68	$1,095.00
	$1,095.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Boston Southern Christian Leadership Conference	$ 800.00
On hand 5/31/68	$ 295.00

RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS WITH BANK BALANCES

Assets:

Annual Budget Balance	$2,152.08
Reserve for Major Repairs	3,000.00
Capital Fund	5,292.50
Ministry and Counsel Fund	1,975.08
Martin Luther King, Jr. Fund	295.00
	$12,714.66

Bank Accounts:

Checking account, So. Shore National Bank	$ 3,886.37
Newton Savings Account, W-1171	6,853.21
Newton Savings, Account 3-128751	1,975.08
	$12,714.66

BUDGET ITEMS & EXPENDITURES

ACCOUNTS	BUDGETED	EXPENDED
Community Metropolitan Ministries	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
Clerk	50.00	31.19
Friends General Conference	225.00	225.00
Hospitality	125.00	123.32
Library	100.00	81.85
Ministry and Counsel	125.00	113.01
Miscellaneous	200.00	139.10
Newsletter	85.00	78.55
Quarterly Meeting	85.00	85.00
Religious Education	325.00	259.86
Peace & Social Concerns	525.00*	513.88
Treasurer	60.00	77.20
Yearly Meeting	1,650.00	1,650.00
Young Friends	60.00	60.00
Electricity & Water	250.00	272.27
Grounds Care	350.00	510.88
Heat	750.00	981.03
Insurance	265.00	292.00
Interior Cleaning	250.00	157.45
Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.00	95.25
Supplies	100.00	31.61
Telephone	100.00	121.61
	$7,380.00	$6,100.04

*Includes $25 adjustment for 1966 check not cashed.

June 12, 1968

Thomas Waring
Clerk
Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends
26 Benvenue Street
Wellesley, Mass. 02181

Dear Tom:

Today, at his office in Boston, I audited the books and records of Norman Landstrom, Treasurer of the Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The Meeting's bank balance in the South Shore National Bank (checking account) was $3,886.37 on May 31st, 1968. Mr. Landstrom's records and the bank statement of June fifth tallied exactly. The Meeting's checking account balance on May 31st, 1967 was $1944.33.

A review of income and bisbursements showed the records to be in good order and maintained in accordance with good accounting procedure.

Budget accounts are maintained and most accounts show expenditures of less than the budgeted amounts. The budget committee may want to take note of a few accounts where it was necessary to make expenditures beyond the budget and perhaps adjust the budget for the coming fiscal year. These accounts are:

Account	Budgeted	Expended
Heat	$750	$981.03
Insurance	265	292
Phone	100	121.61
Social Concerns	500	613.88
Treasurer	60	77.20
Elec, Water, Sewer	250	272.27
Grounds Care	350	510.88

Prudently, Repairs and Maintenance is budgeted at $1500.00 while expenditures were only $95.25.

Thus the overall expenditures are well within the budgeted figures.

I found everything in good order, and would like to commend the Meeting Treasurer, Norman Landstrom, for the good records he keeps and for the excellent job he does.

Respectfully submitted

Alexander Zavelle

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Wellesley, Mass. 02181

Dear Tom:

Today, at his office in Boston, I audited the books and records of Norman Landstrom, Treasurer of the Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The Meeting's bank balance in the South Shore National Bank (checking account) was $1,656.17 on May 31st, 1968. Mr. Landstrom's records and the bank statement of June balance on May 31st, 1967 was $1944.35.

A review of income and disbursements showed the records to be in good order and maintained in accordance with good accounting practice.

Budget accounts are maintained and most accounts show expenditures of less than the budgeted amounts. The budget committee may want to take note of a few accounts where it was necessary to make expenditures beyond the budget and perhaps adjust the budget for the coming fiscal year. These accounts are:

Account	Budgeted	Expended
Heat	$750	$961.05
Insurance	265	292
Phone	100	121.61
Social Concerns	500	615.85
Treasurer	60	77.20
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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION TO OPEN AND MAINTAIN A CHECKING ACCOUNT

I, the undersigned, hereby certify to the UNITY BANK & TRUST COMPANY that at a meeting of the members of the Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends, an unincorporated association,
Members, Executive Committee, Board of Directors

duly called and held at No. 26 Benvenue St. in the City of Wellesley, State of Massachusetts on the 13th day of June 60, the following resolutions were duly adopted and that they are ~~in conformity with the By-Laws and~~ in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the UNITY BANK & TRUST COMPANY is hereby designed as a depository of this Association and that a checking account be opened and maintained in the name of this Association with said Bank; that any one of the following officers of this Association
One, two, three, etc.

Treasurer
Indicate title rather than name

Chairman of Finance Committee

is/are hereby authorized, on behalf of this Association, and in its name: to sign checks, drafts, notes, bills of exchange, acceptances, or other orders for the payment of money from said account; to indorse checks, notes, bills, certificates of deposit, or other instruments owned, or held by this Association for deposit in said account, or for collection or discount by said Bank; to accept drafts, acceptances, and other instruments payable at said Bank; to waive demand, protest, and notice of protest, or dishonor of any check, note, bill, draft, or other instrument made, drawn, or indorsed by this Association; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UNITY BANK & TRUST COMPANY be and it hereby is authorized to honor, receive, certify, or pay all instruments signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution even though drawn or indorsed to the order of any officer signing the same, or tendered for cashing, or in payment of the individual obligation of such officer, or for deposit to his personal account, and said Bank shall not be required, or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issuance, or use of any instrument signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution or the application, or disposition of such instrument, or the proceeds thereof; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ~~Secretary or Assistant Secretary~~ shall certify to said Bank the names of the presently duly elected and qualified officers of this Association and shall from time to time hereafter as changes in the personal of said officers are made, immediately certify such changes to the Bank, and said Bank shall be fully protected in relying on such certification of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary and shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any claims, demands, expenses, loss, or damage resulting from, or growing out of, honoring the signature of any officer so certified, or refusing to honor any signature not so certified; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of their amendment or rescission shall have been received by said Bank, and that receipt of such notice shall not affect any action taken by the Bank prior thereto; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ~~Secretary or Assistant Secretary~~ be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to certify to said UNITY BANK & TRUST COMPANY the foregoing resolutions and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with the By-Laws of this Association.

I further certify that there is no provision in the By-Laws of said Association limiting the power to pass the foregoing resolutions and that the same are in conformity with the provisions of said By-Laws.

I further certify that the following are the names and official signatures of the present officers of this Association:

Name	Official Signature
President	
Vice President	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Assistant Secretary Norman Landstrom	
Chairman of Finance Committee: Thomas Cooch	
~~Assistant Treasurer~~	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 16th day of July 1960

Sylvia S. Perry ~~Recorder~~ Asst. Clerk
Secretary

A. F. HARTELL CO. KEENE, N.H. F60814

Ministry and Counsel minute to Monthly Meeting

Wellesley Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel proposes that Wellesley Monthly Meeting offer hospitality to draft resisters in order to demonstrate our belief in the integrity of the individual conscience.

To implement this we suggest a committee of 2-3 people responsible for handling all the details necessary ie. food, forceful and clear news releases, press relations, and involvemnet on the part of other members and attenders of Wellesley Meeting to increase the moral support of theyoung man.

We would request that the resister had informed the proper authorities of his whereabouts clearly and openly. Everything should be done in an open , friendly, supportive way.

June 6, 1968

submitted

Theodora E. Waring

Theodora E. Waring

Chairman, Ministry and Counsel
Wellesley Monthly Meeting

N E W S L E T T E R

Wellesley Monthly Meeting
26 Benvenue Street, Wellesley, Mass.

Religious Society of Friends
Phone: 235-9782

SPECIAL ISSUE - JUNE 17, 1968

HOSPITALITY FOR DRAFT RESISTERS

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends decided at Monthly Meeting, June 14, 1968, to offer hospitality to young men resisting the draft.

This decision was made in response to a request from New England Resistance, 27 Stanhope Street, Boston, that a place of worship be available from which these men, after having notified the proper authorities, might be arrested.

This decision grows out of Friends' historical support of the individual conscience, and opposition to all wars. Hospitality will be given in the Friends' traditional spirit of non-violence. Food, lodging, moral and spiritual support will be furnished resisters who have notified the authorities of their whereabouts and of their willingness to accept arrest and imprisonment. The Meeting will not obstruct officers with proper credentials in the performance of their duty. We will invite them to join with us in worship.

We recognize that resisters take a stand with which many members of the Meeting do not hold complete sympathy. However, the Meeting believes it is vital to keep alive the expression of individual concern and decision, and to support with care and understanding those who have searched their consciences and reached this difficult decision. Draft resisters would like to quicken the consciences of their countrymen to the wrongs they see in the fabric of our national life. Their voices should be heard.

A committee, convened by Norman Landstrom, to handle details of this decision, was appointed at Monthly Meeting: Jane Burgess, Elsie Landstrom, Robert Mayer, Theodora Waring and Lewis Wright. Other Meeting members already at work with this committee include Samuel Burgess, Elizabeth Gulick, Finley Perry, Nita Regnier and Thomas Waring.

Your committee is laying the ground work for this witness in the following ways:

1) By investigating the applicable law. We believe that this action of the Meeting is not a violation of the law.

2) By educating ourselves in the techniques of non-violence.

3) By alerting the Wellesley clergy and Selectmen to this decision.

4) By announcing this decision to all local Friends Meetings, Quarterly and Yearly Meeting, the AFSC, Friends Journal and Quaker Life.

5) By visiting in person all of our property neighbors, explaining our action, eliciting their understanding and support where possible.

6) By being prepared to meet press, radio and TV representatives at the time of action.

7) By appealing to you through this Newsletter to let us know when you can be present this summer to help. We will need to call on members to come and worship together at the time of arrest. May we count on YOU?

CALL JANE BURGESS -- 444-5836 -- to let us know when you can be available.

N E W S L E T T E R

Wellesley Monthly Meeting
26 Benvenue Street, Wellesley, Mass.

Religious Society of Friends
Phone: 235-9782

SPECIAL ISSUE - JUNE 25, 1968

HOSPITALITY FOR DRAFT RESISTERS

Wellesley Friends Meeting offers hospitality to war and draft resisters whose resistance is based on religious or conscientious grounds, and its hospitality is not offered for the purpose of a political demonstration.

The Committee appointed to carry out details of this commitment is responsible to Wellesley Meeting as a whole to be true in every action to the spiritual basis of its decision. The Meeting's beliefs grow out of 300 years of history of the Religious Society of Friends.

We have prepared this statement in an effort to reflect the beliefs of our Meeting as accurately as possible. We present it so that resisters may understand the kind of support we are prepared to give. We will welcome those who ask for hospitality within this framework.

We believe that the law should be violated only when to obey it would necessitate violation of the dictates of one's conscience. To break the law irresponsibly or to acquiesce in others doing so while engaged in action associated with us, would destroy the unity of our Meeting as well as reduce or destroy the effectiveness of the witness he and we hope to make. We believe that the witness we propose to make is within the law.

Our corporate witness implies certain attitudes as well as specific actions:

1. Our Meeting House is a house of worship where we can draw together in understanding and strength as we relate these difficult problems to the spiritual reality of God. We will invite the resister and his supporters to join with us in Meetings for Worship as well as to meet together to talk and try to understand one another's point of view. We will invite the arresting officers to join with us in a brief Meeting for Worship at the time of arrest. Since spiritual concern and not political demonstration is at the center of our desire to offer hospitality, we require agreement that his supporters will not engage in pamphleteering, march of solidarity, or obstruction of the arresting officers, violent or passive, in connection with any resister who avails himself of our hospitality.

2. The witness made by the resister in being arrested from the home of our Meeting means that the witness is also our witness, and as such must bear the stamp of the dignity of the individual in the presence of God. We would hope that a resister could meet the arresting authorities in a dignified manner.

3. Confrontation of military or police authority can best be made by one person, or a few, filled with the inner authority of moral and spiritual conviction. For this neither a large number of members of our Meeting, nor of resisters, need be present at the time of arrest. Arrest of the resister in a dignified manner from the Meeting House in our presence is our witness. To make effective witness, the resister's and our positions must be such as to deserve respect, if not agreement.

4. Guests in the home of our Meeting will include the resister and no more than two or three of his close supporters. Resister, press and authorities will all be expected to conduct themselves as guests.

In practical terms, for those who reside with us over a period of time, we expect reasonable care of furnishings willed to us by a beloved member of our Meeting, a sharing of clean-up jobs as well as meal preparation, and the observance of the

Meeting's wish that there be no smoking in the Meeting House or use of any drugs or intoxicants in the Meeting House or on the grounds. A young couple, acting as caretakers of our property, live on our second floor, and their privacy must be respected.

Friends do not seek publicity for its own sake. However, if occasion arises, Garrett Hoag, Samuel Burgess and Norman Landstrom have agreed to serve as spokesmen of the Meeting.

Friends do not have a dogmatic creed or beliefs, but we do have a set of questions known as Queries, which each Friends is expected to use for self-examination. These are embodied in our book, "Faith and Practice" which is available for your study.

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This statement was presented to representatives of New England Resistance at a meeting of the Committee held June 24, 1968.

Wellesley Monthly Meeting

Religious Education Report 1967-68

1968 in the world, was the year of the "Generation Gap". Religious education in Wellesley Friends Meeting tried to move toward a more family-oriented Meeting experience to help close that gap, with all age levels worshiping and sharing activities together. On the whole, these moments were warm and successful, especially, one feels, for the children in a Meeting such as ours where isolated families come from communities widely separated from one another. We hope that this will increase and form some security and spiritual foundation for them.

The idea of involving adults and the younger generation more with one another was further realized by an experimental curriculum participated in by the Junior High group called, "What Is A Quaker?" by Deborah James and circulated by the Friends General Conference. The course centered around the idea of discovering what is a Quaker in a two-fold fashion: one, through the use of already-prepared historical background material with, hopefully, some additional study done by the students, and two, the choosing of an adult "Meeting Friend" by each child with whom they could discuss this question, and through whose solicited personal opinion and wisdom, would help him find answers for himself. This could have been a valuable experience, but seemed to break down somewhat because of shyness on the part of the children and the old basic problem of limitations in energy, time and distance. The following is an evaluation by Kathleen Robinson who was chairman of the Junior High group: Teachers Fred Corneel, Ann Gary, Bob Hillegass, Ed Hinshaw, Mo Blum, and Kathleen Robinson dealt with the following curriculum questions: "Do Quakers live lives of simplicity?", "Do Quakers work for social reform?" "Are Quakers world-minded?" "Are Quakers democratic?" Do Quakers believe in non-violence?"This was moderately successful. The idea that two Sundays a month should be spent in some kind of "creative activity" was a good one. Two of the more successful lessons were when the students drew cartoons of "Quaker heroes" doing "something typical" and when they made a picture-map collage to illustrate Quaker world-mindedness. The students also enjoyed working on a play about the reactions of an early American Quaker couple who are brought back to life in a modern Quaker home at Christmas time.

The 9th graders of this group were invited to a program given by a Boston group from the South End who call themselves, "University of the Streets". This turned out

to be a disturbing experience for them since the program took the form of an attack on white attitudes toward the race problem. It called for much understanding on their part. Many of the children felt for the first time, the frustration and anger of black people directed toward them, with no opportunity to be judged on an individual basis: an experience many black people undergo daily.

The 5th and 6th grade class under the leadership of Ruth Hoge had as its theme for the year, "Seekers". Assisting in this search were guides, Pat Danielson, Dorothy Eister, Finley Perry, Sanjiv Kamath, Sylvia Perry and Martha Corneel.

Using myths and legends of early peoples, the class tried to see what questions they were asking about the universe and their place in it, and how they explained the beginnings of things. Early scientific seekers such as Galileo brought out the concept of experimental testing versus accepting the authority of the past. A trip to the Harvard observatory with Carlton Tillinghast as host and a session with a staff member there opened up new ideas and unanswered questions of today about our universe.

Non-western religious ideas and seekers were introduced through some class time spent on the Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist way.

They explored some of the problems we have to seek answers to today, and and considered whether they are different from those that primitive people, early scientists or people of India and Vietnam had.

Class service projects included a collection of pennies at Halloween for UNICEF, sale of UNICEF Christmas cards, a Spring Fair of self-made articles and donations for our Meeting Vietnamese child, and AFSC work in Vietnam.

Curtains were made and hung in the classroom. They wereprinted with block print designs made by the children, representing symbols of ancient religions and reflecting their study of myths and legends.

Mary Kay Kamath, who was chairman for the 3rd and 4th grade class, reports that the October-November session was taught by Barbara Warner. Since this is the time of year when all children entering the 3rd grade receive gift Bibles from the Meeting, it was her job to help the children find their way in the Bible for the first time.

With Ann Nash at Christmastime came a beautiful nativity scene fashioned by the childrens' own hands and imaginations which warmed our Meeting room and brought joy to us for months by its prence there. Her group also helped to decorate the Christmas tree with dimes they had placed in AFSC Christmas balls. They went on to study the story of Joseph.

Jane Burgess took the class for the months of January and February and was quite successful with role-playing and pantomimes of the 10 Commandments. (The class was asked to identify what commandment was being demonstrated, and in at least one case, was able to come up with 3 separate commandments for the simple pantomime of shining a car and then standing off to admire it.)

Clema Blum and Mary Kay Kamath shared the last two months with a study of Moses. They found much thoughtful discussion and real understanding on the part of the children in comparing Moses with Martin Luther King. They also learned something of Gandhi and his ideals, and Quakers and their traditional outlook with regard to these men, and the men themselves in relation to their times.

Martha Gordon's group of 1st and 2nd graders read stories from Sophia Fah's book, "From Long Ago and Many Lands". Some highly original art work by the children resulted from thinking and talking about these stories together with their teachers, Laura Logan, Suzanne Tillinghast, Carmen Mayer and Sheila Elion. Sheila found them quite ready for more "content" and impatient with some sessions on "personal problems". Easels are still needed for this bright and promising group.

The 4 year olds and kindergarten group were watched over by Dorothy Hinshaw. The theme for the beginning of the year was "Helping Hands" with Ruth Ham drawing pictures of the chores to be done each Sunday and having each child choose his job by placing his "hand" (traced on paper and cut out) by the picture of the job. This gladness to help was related to home and school.

Musical instruments were made for a rythm band with a performance given at the Christmas Meeting which was shared with the nursery one morning too. The children saved money for AFSC Christmas balls and hung them on the meeting tree to be given to the Quang Ngai Nursery Day Center which they had learned about in class. They read the story of Jesus' birth and talked about some of the stories Jesus told when he grew up.

Nancy Strong and Ruth Kennedy, alternating Sundays, carried the theme of love into the international scene with these activities; learning about Japan; taking home forsythia branches to bloom; sharing toys and clothes from other countries for dress up; weaving; molding vases with clay (after seeing Japanese and Chinese vases).

With spring came nature walks, feeding ducks at the town hall planting seeds to take home and watch. With Susan Chamberlain, the children made picture books about their spring together.

Ruth Ham writes for the nursery group that they were most fortunate to have as their sitter, Miss Marcy West, a neighbor as well as student at Dana Hall School. Marcy was not only most dependable, but also adapted well to her flexible group and gave

the nursery a warm and friendly atmosphere. Although they have received many items from playroom and toybox cleanouts, they would welcome any and all items that are sent their way. Also, a long, low table would be most useful.

Our warm thanks go out to all these Friends who have given their time and concern to help this year in religious education.

Our Meeting is blessed with many highly socially committed individuals who have experience and knowledge to share. Children sense and respond to the real things, not only in having a lesson with "content" but also in getting to know someone who is truly involved in the issues of making religion work in the world today. We welcome the idea of having more Friends who might share a small part of their time during the year to sow some seeds that with time, might have profound effects for good in the future of these children.

Next year we haope that the Meeting might include the teen-age group in discussion on a subject that would have vital meaning to both the adults and the children, and to plan for their occasional attendance at a Monthly Meeting where important issues might be discussed.

Religious education today has been commanded by society, and by events, to put religious ideals to the test of reality. Young people are being asked to take a stand for what they believe in at an earlier age than ever before. To prepare them for this commitment, the whole religious education effort would be greatly enriched by the example of seeing the older members of the meeting growing in deeper, more loving, more sharing relationships with one another.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Corneel, Chairman
Ruth Hoge
Laura Logan
Ruth Ham
Dorothy Hinshaw
Martha Gordon
Mary Kay Kamath
Kathleen Robinson

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends
Peace and Social Concerns Committee
1967-1968 Annual Report

Increasingly during the last twelve months Wellesley Monthly Meeting has directed its collective gaze outward: we have confronted some critical social problems in the larger community, and we have become involved in them. There is, of course, no room for complacency. As the need -- or our awareness of it -- grows, so must our own sense of responsibility and our response.

Too late to be mentioned in last year's annual report was the trip that two representatives from our Meeting made to Canada to give a check from our Meeting's treasury (as well as numerous personal checks) to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for medical supplies for North and South Vietnam. This act of civil disobedience was undertaken with the intention of protesting and possibly testing the federal regulations which prohibit giving humanitarian aid to 'enemy' civilians. The check was honored, however, and it was later determined that another Meeting is conducting just such a test case.

Last summer we provided office space for the Wellesley Vietnam Summer project. Its successor, the Wellesley Vietnam Peace Project, continues to use our Meeting house as headquarters.

A year ago we were asked by the Vietnam Summer project to provide draft counseling to young men in the Wellesley area. The Meeting agreed to assume this responsibility. As part of our draft counseling and educational service to the community, the Peace and Social Concerns Committee became involved in three programs. In September we organized a panel discussion at the Wellesley Free Library where several conscientious objectors talked about the C.O. position and alternatives to military service under the draft law. The second program held at our Meeting House and co-sponsored with the Young Friends featured two speakers, a conscientious objector and a resistor. We initiated and chaired a third program which was sponsored by the Wellesley Clergy Association and held at the Village Church. This program which included an Air Force recruiter, a C.O., and a resistor drew considerable opposition from certain segments of the community. The heckling and picketing, however, only served to more widely publicize the fact that choices do exist for men facing the draft and that members of the Clergy Association stand ready to counsel young men with moral or religious questions concerning military service. As a direct result of the program the Wellesley School Committee has instructed the High School guidance office to make available literature, to be provided by the Clergy, which describes all possible choices that a young man should consider as he comes of draft age.

A group of Wellesley College girls, who have taken draft counseling training, were given permission by our Monthly Meeting to use the Meeting House for their draft counseling services.

In June the Meeting approved of offering 'hospitality' to draft resistors in order to demonstrate our testimony against all war and belief in the integrity of the individual conscience. All details are to be handled in an open, friendly, supportive way.

As mentioned above, Wellesley Meeting is now a participating member of the Wellesley Clergy Association. We hope that being a part of this ecumenical group will continue to enable our Meeting to enter into town projects and activities, whenever congenial, and will keep us informed of matters of concern to the religious leadership of Wellesley.

Beginning last summer several families in our Meeting assumed responsibility for the pre-adoption expenses of a Vietnamese orphan under the care of the Friends Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children. We continue to pledge monthly sums for this purpose.

At the request of Yearly Meeting and using the leaflet of the Friends Committee on Peace as a basis for discussion, some members of our Meeting spent several hours reviewing the Friends peace testimony and its relevancy for today. The statement was slightly altered, subsequently presented to Monthly Meeting, further discussed and finally approved. With a covering letter describing certain reservations of some members, it was forwarded to Yearly Meeting. It seems especially valuable for Friends today to continue to re-affirm their faith in the demands of Christian love as related to war and peace.

Wellesley Meeting helped finance two out of the five representatives from our Meeting who attended the mobilization in Washington of the Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam. They reported it was a politically useful and inspirational gathering. Wellesley Meeting was again one of the sponsors of the Good Friday Peace Vigil in Boston. On two separate occasions the Peace and Social Concerns Committee alerted the Meeting to urgent matters and provided an opportunity for those attending Meeting for Worship to engage in political letter-writing immediately after worship. Telegrams and letters to Congressmen, State Department officials, and the President were sent off.

Our Meeting continues to support Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries in its work of housing rehabilitation for low-income families in the South End. Our Young Friends have helped prepare buildings for renovation to keep down costs, and several of our members have bought notes with which money the purchase of property is financed. This involvement has proved to be a valuable learning experience for our young people, our two CMM representatives, and several others. We hope that new ways will open for wider participation among us.

Monthly Meeting has approved placing its checking account with the Unity Bank and Trust Company of Roxbury when this bank opens for business in June.

The Meeting agreed to raise money among its members and attenders for a Memorial gift in the name of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the gift to be given to a local, black organization. The first $800 was sent to the Roxbury branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The balance will go to the AFSC's Roxbury Community Committee.

Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee's yearly budget has been carefully allocated. See attached sheet. This sum plus our contribution to Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries and the check to the Canadian Friends Service Committee comes to about 10% of our total Meeting's budget. If you add to this sum the memorial gift and the monthly contributions to the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children, an amount larger than 25% of this year's budget has been spent on social concerns in the name of Wellesley Monthly Meeting.

With the growing crisis of violence throughout our land and around the world, it is becoming increasingly clear that only radically creative acts expressing compassion and brotherhood can halt the downward spiral of destruction and despair in our society. If, as it has sometimes been said, criticism of today implies hope for tomorrow, there is ground for hope. But men of good will must act.

There is desperate need for the prophetic Quaker witness, the kind of open-ness and free-flowing, imaginative response to human need, which is traditionally that of the Quaker seeker. Perhaps, as never before, Friends need to express the old-new Christian message of expectancy, hope, love, and faith in men as co-creators with God. Perhaps this kind of affirmation -- by word and deed -- by individuals and Meetings -- will help serve as catalyst to bring about the peace and social justice so long overdue. We pray that our Wellesley Monthly Meeting may serve as such an instrument of creative change.

Elizabeth B. Gulick,
Chairman

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Expenditures 1967-1968

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Wilmer Young - for two showings of 'Voyage of Phoenix' at the Meeting House in Weston High School	$20.00
Wilmer Young - for medical supplies to the Red Cross Society in North Vietnam taken by Phoenix	20.00
The Townsman Publishing Co. for draft counseling advertisement	46.50
Archie La Coate - for renovation of tribal hall into classrooms Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation	50.00
Boston Draft Resistance Group - for Draft Counseling kits	12.00
Contribution to Clergy Association for program on the draft	10.00
Elizabeth Gulick - to defray expenses of two representatives to the Washington mobilization of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam	63.00
Cleveland Sellers' Defense Fund - Civil Rights worker	25.00
American Friends Service Committee - for New England peace work	100.00
Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Ga.	25.00
Roxbury Community School	50.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	50.00
Peace and Social Concerns literature	25.00
Total	$496.00
Carried forward from last year's budget due to lost check another check made out to Central Committee on Conscientious Objectors	25.00
	$521.00

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House on Thursday, September 12, 1968 with Thomas Waring, Clerk, presiding.

The minutes of the June Monthly Meeting were read, clarified and approved. Thomas Waring read the report of the Auditor, Alexander Zavelle. The report was accepted and attached to the Minutes.

Ruth Hoge and Jane Burgess reported on the Yearly Meeting sessions held in Maine in August. There were fewer visitors this year, but fellowship was particularly good. The worship-workshops were especially worthwhile. Of special interest was the report of the Quarterly Meeting Study Committee. We shall follow its recommendations for changes sympathetically.

Anne Booth, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, read a letter from Summit, New Jersey Monthly Meeting requesting that we accept Valeska Ginouves into membership by transfer and that we admit her children -- Karla, Elsa, Albert, Michele and Peter - as Junior Members. The Meeting approved and appointed Sheila and Herbert Elion to welcome them.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel is considering various plans for supper and discussion meetings during the year, including a possible family retreat to be held at Friendly Crossways or some similar location over a weekend in October. The Meeting encouraged the Committee to proceed with plans for the retreat. Ministry and Counsel would like to plan for one of our Monthly Business Meetings to be held on a Sunday after Meeting for Worship, possibly in conjunction with luncheon, to enable our young people and other attenders to be present. The Meeting approved, and the details of planning and the business to be discussed were left up to the Committee.

Thomas Waring read a letter from Edwin Hinshaw offering to discuss with us opportunities for the Meeting to work with college students. Great interest was expressed, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel. A letter from Friends General Conference, enclosing the report of its Cape May Conference, has been received. The report was given to the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns for consideration before reporting to the next Monthly Meeting.

Werner Heider has returned to the Boston area, and Elsie Landstrom agreed to organize a schedule so that he may be driven to Meeting by various members.

Norman Landstrom reported on the work of our committee dealing with hospitality for draft resisters and on the events surrounding the stay of a resister at the Cambridge Meeting House. We feel that there is great value in Friends' ways of handling these matters.

The annual reports of the House and Grounds Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee and the Hospitality Committee, deferred from June, were read and approved.

Martha Corneel announced that on September 22nd there will be a family Meeting for Worship followed by hymn singing.

Harold Hoge expressed a concern that we be more considerate of each other at Business Meetings and in our relationships in general. Theodora Waring added her thought that we must make an effort to see that newcomers feel welcome at Monthly Meeting.

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

REPORT OF THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1967 - 1968

During this year the Committee has done the following:

1) Had the outside paint on the house touched up in places where needed.

2) Arranged to have Peter and Molly Dinsdale take care of the premises as residents of the apartment for the school year 1967-1968.

3) Repaired the pantry cabinets making them level and giving them additional supports to keep them level.

4) Obtained window shades in the small back room next to the meeting room and had that room and the pantry painted.

5) Repaired some of the furniture.

6) Arranged to have David and Kathy Jackson take care of the premises as residents of the apartment beginning in June 1968.

7) Patched the driveway in front of the meeting house.

8) Repaired the roof.

9) Made an informal agreement with the New England Conservatory to allow them to make their driveway one way and use our driveway as an exit subject to our right to revoke this permission at any time.

10) Made improvements in the apartment by providing direct access between the rooms and making the larger corner room into the sitting room and the smaller one the bedroom.

11) Had the pianos tuned.

12) Built shelf by window in coat closet.

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING

Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee

1967-68

The activities of the Hospitality Committee have followed this year the pattern started since our removal to our own building.

A pot-luck supper was held at the end of September to provide an opportunity for people to get together socially after the long summer holidays.

Quarterly Meeting was held here in October and provided some surprises in the number of people who attended.

The Christmas dinner was, as usual, very well attended and taxed our facilities to the utmost. About 140 people were served, and these were seated by using some of the tables for two shifts of diners and by some of the Young Friends eating upstairs in their room. Fortunately, the children ate quickly in order to get downstairs to the puppet show, so their places were available for those at the end of the serving line.

There was a small but pleasant pot-luck supper in April at the Meeting House.

The Committee has, as usual, provided for the serving of coffee after Meeting, and this year has also served juice to the children regularly for the first time. The Committee would like to thank all those members of the Meeting who have helped us with this responsibility.

The Meeting's regular calendar closed, as usual, with a picnic after Meeting on June 9th, held through the kindness of the Tiberios at their home in Sherborn.

Hallie Wright
Chairman

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Quarterly meeting was held here in October and provided some surprises in the number of people who attended.

The Corinthian dinner was, as usual, very well attended and there was plenty for the crowd. About 130 people were present, and those were needed to cope with the demand for the delicacies of diners and to speed up the flying Phoenix waiting patiently to their trays. Fortunately, the kitchen was equally as busy as gas furnaces by the urgent show, so their plates were available for those at the end of the serving line.

There was a small but pleasant get-together before the start of the meeting Syrian.

The Committee has, as usual, enjoyed the activities of the after meeting, and this year has also enjoyed going to the cultures particularly for the first time. The Committee would to thank all those members of the meeting who have helped us with this responsibility.

The meeting is getting rather closer, as usual, with a picnic after meeting on June 5th, held through the kindness of the Phoenix at their home in Shenbourn.

THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE 1967-1968

There were several times during the Fall when the Meeting for Worshipwas badly crowded. The Long Range Planning Committee, therefore, believed it was necessary not only to make suggestions for immediate relief of overcrowding, but also to be able to provide some specific information regarding structural changes for the future.

Monthly Meeting approved the request for $2000 to consult with an architect about possible changes in our present building as well as some general plans for a new Meeting House. A letter (which is attached) was sent to all members of the Meeting setting forth our proposals and asking for comments.

We met with representatives of four architectural firms, visited some of their buildings and then selected Edwin B. Goodell Jr. of Wayland to draw up tentative plans. One ingenious idea has been presented and another plan will be submitted soon.

During the winter and spring months a record was kept of the number of people attending Meeting. Only twice during that time did it seem advisable for the latecomers to hold a completely separate Meeting for Worship in the parlor.

Anne Booth

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the Meeting House on Thursday, October 10, 1968 with Thomas Waring, Clerk, presiding. After a period of silence, the Clerk read a selection from Thomas Kelly's Testament of Devotion. The minutes of the September Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

Thomas Waring read a letter from New England Yearly Meeting asking for Monthly Meeting Representatives. These will be appointed in May. Also a letter from New England Yearly Meeting entitled Concern for Awareness was read. This epistle urged all Friends to be aware of subtle aspects of racism wherever they appear in our own lives or in the actions of the Meeting, and to take appropriate action.

Ruth Hoge and Theodora Waring were appointed Representatives to the next Salem Quarterly Meeting to be held at Acton on October 20th. The program will be from 1:30-5:00.

Elizabeth Conant reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The Committee has decided to focus its efforts this year on one [redacted] field. Peace Education and the Draft seem clearly indicated. They have met a young man dedicated to peace education named William Franz, who will be willing to spend part time working for the Wellesley Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee as an outreach working with high school students on the draft and part time with outlying districts; and the American Friends Service Committee based in Cambridge. Wellesley Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee proposes supporting him at $125.00 for a month from their budget while he develops his program and members of the Meeting become acquainted with him, then to have the Monthly Meeting support him for the following four months for $500.00. He expects to be free for peace work for an indefinite time.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee requests that Monthly Meeting approve the program with William Franz as outlined and their financial support for one month with the expectation that if his program is acceptable to Wellesley Monthly Meeting, funds will become available to support him for the following four months. The Monthly Meeting decision will be made at the November business meeting.

Anne Booth reported for Ministry and Counsel with the following plans. They wish to have the regular session of November Monthly Meeting held on November 3rd following Meeting for Worship to be followed by lunch. The purpose is to enable families to attend Monthly Meeting who are usually unable to attend. Meeting for Worship will start at 10:30 and go to 11:15. A break for juice and cookies, then the regular meeting for business at 11:30 until it is finished. Then lunch. This was approved. She reminded Friends of the planned family retreat on October 25-27 and the four session discussion group led by Frederic Corneel and Edwin Hinshaw on the Bible starting November 17th.

Elizabeth Conant spoke again for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, suggesting we invite Charles Harper to our December Monthly Meeting to bring us up to date with the activities of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries to which

we belong. This was approved..

Dorothy Eister reported for the Hospitality Committee with their plans. The first social event will be to hear Anthony and Martha Burgess Kroch give an illustrated talk about their anthropological work around the world during the past year. This will be preceeded by a potluck supper on October 18th. The annual Meeting Christmas dinner has been set for December 15th. After some debate, this date was accepted by Monthly Meeting. Morning coffees will be called when appropriate by either Carmen Mayer or Theodora Waring..

Theodora Waring
Temporary Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House immediately following Meeting for Worship on Sunday, November 3, 1968. The meeting was held at this time in hopes that many people, including young Friends, could be present who are unable to attend on week day evenings. An attendance of fifty-two persons brought realization to these hopes. Thomas Waring, Clerk, read from Prayers from the Ark to open our brief worship period.

The minutes of the October Business Meeting were read and approved.

Ruth Hoge reported on Quarterly Meeting held at Acton on October 20th. The next Quarterly Meeting business meeting to be held in January will consider the report of the Quarterly Meeting Study Committee to the Yearly Meeting. All members are urged to study this report, which appears in the Yearly Meeting Minutes and to be prepared to present their views at this meeting.

We have received a card from Germantown Monthly Meeting, asking that we extend a welcome to James D. Lasell who is sojourning in this area.

A letter has been received from St. Louis, Missouri Monthly Meeting requesting that we welcome William and Althea Walton and their family who have moved to Needham.

Elizabeth Conant, Chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, announced that Charles Harper will come to our next Monthly Meeting to bring us up to date on the activities of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, to which we belong. Lewis Wright will arrange for transportation.

William Strong reported on the Friends National Conference on the Draft and Conscription which he attended October 11-13, 1968 at Richmond, Indiana. The statement adopted by the Conference is attached to these minutes.

Elizabeth Conant told of the activities of William Franz in peace education, which are just getting under way. The question of supporting financially is not pressing at the moment, but the Meeting agreed that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee should feel free to ask for funds when needed.

Kathryn Hillegass requested permission for the Junior High group to tear down a wall between two upstairs rooms to allow for more space. The request was granted, and the House and Grounds Committee will supervise the operation.

David Eister announced a cookie sale for the benefit of Biafran children which will be held in conjunction with the luncheon following this meeting.

Thomas Cooch, Chairman of the Finance Committee, read the proposed budget of $8800 for 1968-69, which is attached. Most of the proposed increases will go into maintainance of our building and grounds and into larger contributions to the Yearly Meeting and other Friends organizations. The Finance Committee has considered long range financial planning and is being careful to invest

our money according to Friends' principles. The budget was approved, and appreciation was given for the concern for proper investment of our funds.

Frederic Corneel announced the plans for a series of four supper and discussion meetings to begin on Sunday, November 17th. It will be a Bible Study, including Moses Bailey's new book, The Prophetic Vision, a study of the Lord's Prayer, a look at the Parables, and a comparison of the Old and New Testaments.

Anne Gary reported that seventeen adults and twenty children enjoyed the retreat held at the Congregational Conference Center in Framingham over the weekend of October 25-27. It was considered very successful, especially for families with young children, as an opportunity for people to get to know eachother better. Thanks were expressed to Edwin Hinshaw for his careful planning for the weekend.

Lewis Wright reported that the housing rehabilitation part of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' program has gone rather slowly, but the organization has branched out into several other related activities where there are needs for volunteer help.

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

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DECLARATION ON THE DRAFT AND CONSCRIPTION: RICHMOND 1968

Friends National Conference on the Draft and Conscription, Oct. 11-13, 1968.

We call on Friends everywhere to recognize the oppressive burden of militarism and conscription. We acknowledge our complicity in these evils in ways sometimes silent and subtle, at times painfully apparent. We are under obligation as children of God and members of the Religious Society of Friends to break the yoke of that complicity.

As Friends we have for many years been granted privileged status within the draft system. This has often blinded us to the evil of the draft itself, and the treatment of those not so privileged. We are grateful for all those who by resolutely resisting the draft have quickened our conscience. We are called into the community of all who suffer for their refusal to perform unconscionable acts.

We reaffirm the "Advices on Conscription and War" adopted at Richmond in 1948. We realize in 1968 that our testimony against conscription is strengthened by refusing to comply with the Selective Service law. We also recognize that the problem of paying war taxes has intensified; this compels us to find realistic ways to refuse to pay these taxes.

We recognize the evil nature of all forms of conscription, and its inconsistency with the teachings and example of Christ. Military conscription in the United States today undergirds the aggressive foreign policies and oppressive domestic policies which rely on easy availability of military manpower. Conscription threatens the right and responsibility of every person to make decisions in matters of conscience. Friends opposing war should refuse any kind of military service; Friends opposing conscription should refuse to cooperate with the Selective Service System.

We call for the abolition of the Selective Service System and commit ourselves to work with renewed dedication to abolish it. We shall oppose attempts to perpetuate or extend conscription, however constructive the alleged purpose, by such a system as National Service. We do not support efforts at draft reform; the issue is not equal treatment under compulsion, but freedom from compulsion.

We recognize how difficult it is to work through these complex issues, and to bear the burden of decision and action. We hold in love and respect each member of our Society as he follows where conscience leads. We know there are spiritual resources available to those who would be faithful.

Friends Are Urged To:

1. Commit our energies and resources in substantial measure to launch a concerted campaign to end the draft. Friends can serve as a catalyst in this effort, in cooperation with groups representing a cross-section of American life.

(More)

2. Appoint in each Monthly Meeting a Clearness Committee to assist all its young men in their search for clarity as they face the draft.

3. Prepare for Monthly Meetings three sets of queries designed to:
   a. clarify the responsibility of the Meeting to all young men of draft age
   b. help young Friends think through their alternatives
   c. assist Friends not directly subject to the draft to decide what actions they should take.

4. Set up procedures for called Meetings for Worship to share the affirmation of young men who engage in such acts of resistance as refusing to register, or disaffiliating from Selective Service or the Armed Forces.

5. Establish Meetings For Sufferings to provide for such needs of resisters as:
   a. Jobs for those awaiting sentence
   b. Help for families
   c. Bail and legal aid
   d. Meeting places for groups of resisters
   e. Hospitality and shelter
   f. Formation of a Resisters Service and Action Corps for those who choose to witness in this way.

6. Consider engaging in corporate acts of support for resisters in Friends Schools, Colleges and organizations, even when such acts may involve conflict with man-made laws.

7. Provide draft information and counseling centers in the local community, supported by their Meetings, Schools, Colleges or organizations.

8. Respond to the needs of young men whose conscientious resistance to conscription and military service leads them to courses of action other than open disaffiliation. Included are some men in such situations as these:
   a. those who may become refugees in other lands for conscience sake
   b. AWOL military personnel
   c. men still on active military duty.

Affirmation of Action

We commit ourselves to validate our witness by visible changes in our lives, though they may involve personal jeopardy. We cannot rest until we achieve a truly corporate witness in the effort to oppose and end conscription. Let us hold each other in the Light which both reveals our weaknessas and strengthens us to overcome them.

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The Conference was sponsored by Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace, a liaison, consultative and action group of Yearly Meetings and Quaker organizations, with offices at 1520 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Telephone 215/561-4640.
195 delegates participated. 19 Yearly Meetings appointed official delegates, and two other YM's were represented by unofficial or "At Large" delegates.
The AFSC National Board, and each of the 12 Regional AFSC Offices were represented.
9 other peace or directly-related organizations were represented.
8 Quaker Colleges and 15 Quaker Secondary Schools sent official delegates.
About 50 persons came as individuals, or "At Large" delegates not officially appointed.
Official observers were sent by the Mennonites, Brethren and the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors.

return to T. Waring

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met in the Social Room at the Meeting House on Wednesday October 30, 1968. Present were Allan Eister, Dorothea Harvey, Margaret Hoag, Norman Landstrom and Thomas Cooch. A proposed budget for fiscal year 1969 was approved for submission to Monthly Meeting on November 3, 1968. A copy is attached showing, for reference, the 1968 budget and the 1968 actual expenditures. The total amount of the 1969 budget of $8,800 represents approximately a 20 percent increase over the 1968 budget, the greatest part of which is attributable to Meeting House expenses.

Only the House and Grounds Committee submitted a specific budget; after discussion this was approved as submitted. Although some of the increases for repairs and maintenance at first seemed high, it appeared that the expenditures were of such a nature that only amounts actually needed would be expended, and it would be unrealistic to budget below what actual expenses might be. While actual expenditures for repairs and maintenance have been low for the past few years, we started with the Meeting House in excellent condition, and the need for painting, for example, will be upon us sooner or later. Unused amounts budgeted for these purposes form a reserve available as needed.

Other increases to which special attention might be called are those for the Friends General Conference, Yearly Meeting, and Peace & Social Concerns Committee, accounts. These increases are approximately 10 percent in each instance.

The meeting also discussed possible investment of funds received from the Estate of Seal Thompson amounting to approximately $18,000. At the present time, these are on deposit at interest in the Newton Savings Bank Wellesley office. The Finance Committee would appreciate having the general guidance of the Meeting as to any possible uses of these funds and their timing to aid it in deciding how best to invest this money. In the absence of information to the contrary, the Finance Committee proposes to use its best judgment to achieve reasonable balance between liquidity, safety of principal, protection against significant loss either by inflation or deflation, and income. The Committee intends to avoid investments in companies whose activities are of a nature of which Friends would disapprove, and also, to the extent consistent with its fiduciary obligations to the Meeting and the investment goals previously stated, to prefer investments in companies or organizations of whose activities Friends would affirmatively approve. This may be easier said than done.

October 31, 1968

Allan Eister
Dorothea Harvey
Margaret Hoag
Norman Landstrom, Treasurer
Constantin Monego
Joseph Tiberio
Thomas Cooch, Chairman

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
MAY 31, 1969
WITH EXPENSES BY BUDGET ITEM, FISCAL 1968

ACCOUNTS	1968 BUDGETED	1968 EXPENDED	1969 BUDGETED
Community Metropolitan Ministries	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
Clerk	50.00	31.19	50.00
Friends General Conference	225.00	225.00	250.00
Hospitality	125.00	123.32	150.00
Library	100.00	81.85	100.00
Ministry and Counsel	125.00	113.01	125.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	139.10	200.00
Newsletter	85.00	78.55	85.00
Quarterly Meeting	85.00	85.00	85.00
Religious Education	325.00	259.86	325.00
Peace and Social Concerns	525.00*	513.88	550.00
Treasurer	60.00	77.20	75.00
Yearly Meeting	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,850.00
Young Friends	60.00	60.00	75.00
Electricity and Water	250.00	272.27	300.00
Grounds Care	350.00	510.88	600.00
Heat	750.00	981.03	1,100.00
Insurance	265.00	292.00	300.00
Interior Cleaning	250.00	157.45	150.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,500.00	95.25	2,000.00
Supplies	100.00	31.61	100.00
Telephone	100.00	121.61	130.00
	$7,380.00	$6,100.06	$8,800.00

20% increase

*Includes $25 adjustment for 1966 check not cashed.

cking acct. in Unity Bank + Trust. Co.

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met on Thursday, December 12, 1968 at the Meeting House. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened our few minutes of silence by reading the First Query.

The November minutes were read and approved. Garrett Hoag expressed concern that we have not yet contacted James Lasell, as mentioned in those minutes. We will refer this to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel.

A letter from William Satterthwaite was read, telling of his approaching marriage on December 28th at Orange Grove Meeting in Pasadena, California. The Clerk was instructed to return our good wishes, and it was decided to let Ministry and Counsel take care of any clearness procedures, if called for.

Thomas Waring read a letter from Lawrence Miller of Friends General Conference requesting that we consider investing more generously in the Meeting House Fund. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for its recommendations.

Charles Harper, Executive Director of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, was introduced and gave us a report on recent activities. Real thought is being put into how CMM can be more effective in changing racial attitudes in the suburbs. It is hoped that the churches associated with CMM can understand the need for this educational effort more easily than some other groups. It was suggested that possibly our Meeting might be interested in sponsoring a VISTA volunteer who would work on such a project in Wellesley.

Anne Booth, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, reported on the request of Rudman and Ruth Ham that their children Harold Rudman, Jennifer Ruth, Richard Alden, and Sarah Judith be admitted as Junior Members of our Meeting. The Meeting approved, and Edwin and Dorothy Hinshaw and children were appointed to welcome them. A letter from Radnor, Pennsylvania Monthly Meeting, sending a Certificate of Removal for Martha Miles Gordon to our Meeting, has been received. Harold and Ruth Hoge accepted the appointment to welcome her.

There will be a Meeting for Worship on Christmas Eve at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Because of the large attendance at our November Meeting for Business held following Meeting for Worship on a Sunday morning, Ministry and Counsel would like to try it again on Sunday, February 9th. The Meeting approved this plan, and once again, it will be followed by a sandwich luncheon.

It was agreed by all attenders that the recent Bible Study Series was worthwhile. Ministry and Counsel is planning a panel discussion, preceded by a supper, in January, and there will be another study series later on in the year.

Elizabeth Conant reported on the activities of William Franz. He has given about a month's worth of work in peace education on our behalf. He has made contact with High Schools in Wellesley,

Brookline, and Needham. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee asked permission of the Meeting to solicit individuals by mail for contributions for William Franz' support, and this was granted. They hope to raise $600 for four months' support.

Treasurer Norman Landstrom gave his six months report. Our $8800 budget is 20% larger than last year, and we have received only $2449 so far. The Finance Committee was asked to send out a letter to all members before the end of the year.

Harold Hoge, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, announced the plans for our Christmas Dinner to be held on December 15th, preceded by a special family Meeting for Worship and Christmas program. Theodora Waring told of plans for entertaining children of all ages after dinner.

Sylvia S. Perry
Recording Clerk

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Treasurer's Report for Six Months Ending November 30, 1968

Capital Fund.

During this period, the Meeting received $18,000 from the Estate of Seal Thompson, which has been added to the Capital Fund. No expenditures were made during this period, and the balance on hand is now $23,646.69.

Annual Budget.

Contributions to November 30, 1968 were $2,449.42 and expenses $2,135.15.

Detailed figures of receipts and disbursements are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Landstrom, Treasurer

ANNUAL BUDGET

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$2,152.08
Contributions through 11/30/68	2,449.42
Miscellaneous Receipts	11.20
	$4,612.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to Reserve for Major Repairs	$1,500.00
Expenses	2,135.15
	$3,635.15
On hand 11/30/68	$ 977.55

RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$3,000.00
Transferred from Annual Budget	1,500.00
On hand 11/30/68	$4,500.00

CAPITAL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$5,292.50
Estate of Seal Thompson	18,000.00
Contributions	200.00
Interest received 7/10/68	154.19
	$23,646.69

EXPENDITURES

On hand 11/30/69	$23,646.69

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$1,975.08

DISBURSEMENTS

None

On hand 11/30/68	$1,975.08

MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	0
Contributions	40.00
	$ 40.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children	$ 40.00
On hand 11/30/68	0

MARTIN LUTHER KING FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$ 295.00

DISBURSEMENTS

A.F.S.C.	$ 295.00
On hand 11/30/68	0

RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS WITH BANK BALANCES

Assets.

Annual Budget Balance	$ 977.55
Reserve for Major Repairs	4,500.00
Capital Fund	23,646.69
Ministry and Counsel Fund	1,975.08
	$31,099.32

Bank Accounts.

Checking account Unity Bank	$ 2,616.84
Savings Account W-1171 = Newton Savings Bank	26,507.40
Savings Account 3-128751 = Newton Savings Bank	1,975.08
	$31,099.32

Wellesley Monthly Meeting
February 1969

RECORDER'S REPORT

ON MEMBERSHIP FOR 1968

Additions

1. Sanjiv Kamath
2. Mary Kamath
3. Tara Kamath
4. Shanta Kamath
5. Keshaw Kamath
6. Kathryn Kamath
7. William Strong
8. Nancy Strong
9. Laura Strong
10. Thomas Strong
11. Elizabeth (Babs) Conant
12. Valeska Ginouves
13. Karla Ginouves
14. Elsa Ginouves
15. Albert Ginouves
16. Michele Ginouves
17. Peter Ginouves
18. Rudman Ham
19. Harold Ham
20. Jennifer Ham
21. Richard Ham
22. Sarah Ham
23. Martha Gordon

Departures

Barbara Brown French (transferred to Penn Valley Monthly Mtg -- Kansas City)

Net Gain

22 members (of whom 15 are under twenty-one years)

Robert W Hillegass
Recorder

Statistics for Wellesley Monthly Meeting for 1968

	Particular Meetings			Totals
PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.				
1. Number of Members last year, DEC 31 1967				111
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report, DEC 31 1967				0
3. Additions by Birth,				0
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,				11
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				12
6. Total Additions, DEC 31 1967				23
7. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				0
8. Loss by Death,				0
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,				0
[redacted] Loss by Certificate to another Friends Meeting,				1
[redacted] Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				0
[redacted] Total Loss,				1
13. Number of Members this Year, DEC 31 1968				133
14. Net Gain,				22
15. Net Loss,				
16. Number of Males,				57
17. Number of Females,				76
18. Number under 21 years of age,				62
19. Number of Junior Members,				55
20. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,				0
21. Number of Resident Members,				129
22. Number of Non-Resident Members,				4
23. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate),				80
24. Average Attendance of Children at Sunday School,				50
25. Average Attendance of Adults at Sunday School,				0
26. Number of Sunday School Classes.				6
Affiliate Members				2
[redacted] OVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.				

[redacted] UGGESTIONS.—To be sure that no mistakes occur in this report, observe the following.

1. See that No. 1 is correct as it was reported last year. If a mistake in last year's figures has been discovered since then, call it "Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report," (see No. 2) or "Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report," (see No. 7), as the case may be, and add or subtract as may be required to make No. 13 on this report exactly correct, then write a brief note of explanation on the report.

2. The addition of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 will give No. 6; and of 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 will give No. 12.

3. If No. 6 is larger than No. 12, subtract No. 12 from No. 6 to obtain No. 14; but if No. 12 is larger subtract No. 6 from No. 12 to obtain No. 15. Of course only one of the numbers 14 and 15 will have figures. If there is a "net gain," add No. 14 to No. 1 to obtain No. 13. If there is a "net loss," subtract No. 15 from No. 1 to obtain No. 13.

4. See that No. 13 is the same as the sum of 16 and 17, and of 21 and 22.

5. Keep your records corrected up to date. Good records make easy reports.

6. Keep on hand a copy of this report for future reference.

Dennis W[illegible]
Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House on Thursday, January 9, 1969. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened our period of worship by reading the Second Query.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Ruth Satterthwaite told of the marriage of her son William and Sharon King in Pasadena, California under the care of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting. Ruth and Harold Hoge reported that they have welcomed Martha Gordon to our Meeting, and Anne Booth has extended our hospitality to James Lasell.

An explanation and discussion of the Report of the Quarterly Meeting Study Committee was led by Jane Burgess and Ruth Hoge. There was broad approval of the overall plan to retain the desirable features of past regional get-togethers, while at the same time transferring all business functions to the Yearly Meeting with direct representation from each Monthly Meeting.

There was a good deal of concern among our members as to whether the large size of the proposed committees would prove to be cumbersome. Some felt the new structure would be too distant to be responsive enough in its relationships with local meetings and its understanding of local problems, but others felt the new arrangement could be even more representative as well as more objective.

It was felt that when the final decision on regional groupings is made, proper guide lines should be spelled out in Faith and Practice for organizational set-up of both permanent and ad hoc groups, for the representative participation of all meetings in a region, and for reporting action to the Yearly Meeting. Some consideration needs to be given to legislative action or other matters by state groups.

Theodora Waring and Sylvia Perry were appointed Representatives to Salem Quarterly Meeting to be held in Cambridge on January 19th.

Theodora Waring announced that we have an opportunity to invite Earl Reynolds to speak to our Meeting in early March. The meeting decided to give the Young Friends and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee the chance to sponsor such a meeting.

Thomas Waring said that Penelope Turton is unable to plan the arrangements for the Good Friday Peace Witness to be held on April 4th and wants our help in setting up a committee to run it. There was considerable reluctance among those present to take on this responsibility. Theodora Waring agreed to try to find someone to do it, and the Meeting agreed to share the sponsorship of it and to support it financially.

Thomas Waring mentioned a letter from the Yearly Meeting asking us to increase our contribution for this year, and this matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Anne Booth announced the plans for a panel discussion on Right and Wrong in Business and the Professions to be held on Friday, January 17th. She asked members to present to Ministry and Counsel some carefully developed outlines for a discussion

series to be held in March. She reminded us that February Monthly Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9th follow-Meeting for Worship.

Theodora Waring announced a meeting on the Draft and Foreign Policy on February 15th, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. She also reported on her draft counseling activity in Cambridge..

Sophia B. Perry
Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met for business on Sunday, February 9, 1969 immediately following Meeting for Worship. Thirty-eight people were present despite a heavy snowstorm. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened our brief period of worship by reading the Third Query. The minutes of our January meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Jane Burgess, Sylvia Perry and Theodora Waring reported on Salem Quarterly Meeting held on January 19th. Discussion of the Report of the Quarterly Meeting Study Committee was disappointingly brief. Theodora Waring was appointed to serve as Wellesley's representative on the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee, and Ruth Hoge will be our representative to Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel which will meet in May. Constantin Monego will continue to serve on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, now as Wellesley's representative. We are asked to appoint, before May, two of our members as representatives from Wellesley to the Yearly Meeting sessions in June.

Theodora Waring reported that a steering committee made up of people from Acton, Cambridge and Wellesley has been appointed to organize the Good Friday Peace Witness to be held on Boston Common on April 4th. It will be sponsored by Salem Quarterly Meeting and the American Friends Service Committee.

Thomas Waring read the report of our Recorder, Robert Hillegass, which revealed that we acquired twenty-three new members during the year 1968, fifteen of whom are under the age of twenty-one, for a total membership of 133.

The Clerk read a letter from Elaine Wood and Edward Shoben who would like to be married under the care of our Meeting in early September. The Meeting appointed as a Committee on Clearness, Margaret Hoag and Theodora Waring for Elaine, and Garrett Hoag and Thomas Waring for Edward.

Emilie Regnier announced that the Junior High group and the Young Friends are sponsoring a "Garage Sale" on Saturday, March 1st for the benefit of young men who are refusing induction into the army. Contributions of second hand items are needed.

William Franz gave an account of his peace education activities, mentioning especially his experience with the mock trial of his case put on by history classes at Wellesley High School. He is finding that opportunities are opening up for him all around, and he is kept very busy.

Anne Booth, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, announced a conference to be held at Woolman Hill the weekend of March 21st, which is designed to encourage deep thinking about all aspects of Quakerism. She announced three different proposals for a discussion series to be held in late February and March, and sheets were distributed for members to indicate their interest.

Elizabeth Conant reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee on their efforts to give William Franz moral and financial support. Twenty-two contributions for a total of $530.30 have been received thus far. The American Friends Service Commit-

tee is assisting with transportation and telephone expenses. Earl Reynolds, skipper of the Phoenix, will speak at St. Andrew's Church on March 3rd under the sponsorship of our Meeting. His subject will be "Japan, Peacemaker in Asia".

Allan Fister spoke of his and Elizabeth Gulick's connection with other churches in Wellesley through the Wellesley Clergy Association.

Frederic Corneel reported on the activities of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. He invited members to attend the annual meeting of this organization to be held on February 20th.

Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House on Thursday evening March 13, 1969. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened the meeting by reading the Fourth Query. The minutes of the February meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Elizabeth Conant told of plans for a meeting to be held at the Meeting House on March 24th at which Richard Boardman and Michael Zigmond and other young men resisting the draft will discuss their plans and their upcoming trials.

Allan Fister reported on the luncheon meeting of the Wellesley Clergy Association which was held at our Meeting House on March 11th. Our Hospitality Committee helped to make it a very happy occasion.

Anne Booth, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, read the annual State of the Society Report prepared by that committee, and the meeting expressed its approval.

Letters have been received from Nita Regnier and her three older daughters Emilie, Julie and Henrietta requesting full membership in the Meeting. As is customary, the Meeting's decision was deferred until next month.

Elsie Landstrom told of the plans for a sensitivity training group to be led by our former member Robin Willits in four sessions - April 6th, 13th, 27th and May 4th. The group will be limited to about twenty.

Treasurer Norman Landstrom announced that $6267.42 has been received thus far toward our annual budget of $8,800. With over $2000 still required to meet the budget, members who have not yet contributed are urged to do so.

Thomas Waring announced that he will be unable to officiate at the April Monthly Meeting, and the meeting appointed Garrett Hoag to take his place.

Ruth Hoge and Benjamin Gary reported on the deliberations of the Long Range Planning Committee. The Meeting has grown very rapidly in the last few years. Our membership now includes about 43 families, and there are about 21 other families who participate actively. Plans for possible remodeling or new building were outlined. Garrett Hoag spoke on the financial picture, taking into consideration the amount we have in our capital fund and indications of substantial gifts from certain members, so that the possibility of raising enough money does not seem out of reach. A lengthy discussion brought out many questions and different points of view. The feelings of members and attenders will be further explored at a series of small group meetings to be held during the next two weeks.

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends

STATE OF THE SOCIETY REPORT 1969

1968 was a sobering year in the United States and this has been reflected in our Meeting. Individuals have had periods of discouragement and of questioning of long-held moral values. Is it enough to follow what we have considered to be truths and ideals? Divine guidance has been earnestly sought for the best way to strive to improve this world. At times it seems the problems of peace, the draft, and the blacks have consumed so much energy that personal individual needs of our members have not been met. On the other hand, some people have been disenchanted with our lack of action as a corporate body on national problems. The Meeting did raise funds following the assassination of Martin Luther King last April. The money was used to support the Poor Peoples March on Washington and to aid the American Friends Service Committees project in Roxbury.

The Meeting continues to grow. We have twenty-two more members than a year ago, fifteen of whom are under twenty-one. There are more regular attenders at Meeting for Worship with a large number of young people. Our Sunday school is larger. The Meeting room is full. New families strengthen our Meeting. With this welcomed increase, we must work harder on broadening our personal knowledge of each other. A major concern continues to be a caring ministry receptive to the needs of the individual, youth, older members, attenders from the community, Dana Hall and Wellesley College. Sensitivity, respect and understanding which lead many of us to examine our spiritual pilgrimage and activity call for constant nourishment.

The decision of the Meeting to offer hospitality to young men who resist the draft caused many of us to examine ourselves more closely. For those who feel the Meeting as a corporate body has not been sufficiently active, it was a step in the right direction; for those who believe members should act independently, it was a soul searching experience. Although a few members were hesitant about the Meeting taking the action, they did not stand in the way and there was a real seeking of mutual understanding and spiritual guidance. The statement of our position was carefully worded and has been useful to other groups. Although no one has sought our hospitality yet, members of our Meeting who supported Frederick Rutan at Cambridge Meeting House and at the Court Martial proceedings found it a rewarding experience.

The Meeting has taken responsibility for the support of William Franz while he is awaiting word from the Department of Justice after refusing induction. Bill has been successful in talking with young people about the draft and in promoting peace education in six or seven communities in the greater Boston area. The interest and action of our children and young people on his behalf is gratifying.

Several Dana Hall girls have participated in the Young Friends meetings and activities this year. They have given greater dimension and depth to the group which has been beneficial to our Friends. They themselves have appreciated and valued a knowledge of Friends. A continual problem facing a growing Meeting is the provision of a meaningful activity for the various age and interest levels of Young Friends.

To strengthen personal relationships as well as ourselves, we held the first family retreat in Framingham in October. Forty two

people attended, more children than adults. It was a worthwhile experience for most. A series of discussion meetings was held last spring and again this fall. More are planned for April. Those who participated gained valuable insights and mutual respect as well knowledge. A panel discussion on the Changing Values in Business and the Professions was held in January.

There has been concern over the small number of Friends who attend Monthly Meetings and the fact that our young Friends seldom have an opportunity to participate. Therefore two meetings have been held on Sundays following Meeting for Worship. They have met with good response and members have enjoyed the luncheon following Meeting.

Our Meeting has been somewhat reluctant to participate fully in community affairs, in part because so many of our members live outside Wellesley. This past year, however, we have had two active representatives in the Clergy Association of Wellesley and Newton Lower Falls. This group holds monthly luncheon meetings at which mutual concerns are discussed and often implemented. The three town-wide meetings on the draft held in May 1968 were sponsored by this group. At times one of our members joins the clergy in meetings sponsored by the Newton Wellesley Hospital.

The quality of our ministry varies from Sunday to Sunday. Although divine guidance is usually sought in search for answers to the difficult and urgent personal, national and world problems facing us, it is at times submerged. On other occasions it is strong. More membe rs and more young people are participating in vocal ministry. It is not always easy to determine whether one's thoughts are of clear value to the whole Meeting. We need to be reminded sometimes of the necessity of honoring the messages of others by not speaking too soon after them, nor descending to the level of argument, and of the need for private inward daily preparation through prayer and contemplation for our corporate worship.

We hope to be ever mindful of the need to seek spiritual growth and loving care of our members.

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House on Thursday, April 10, 1969. Garrett Hoag acted as Clerk in the absence of Thomas Waring. He opened the meeting by reading Psalm 121. The minutes of the March Monthly Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Meeting approved the application for full membership of Nita Regnier and her three older daughters - Emilie, Julie, and Henrietta. Lewis and Hallie Wright were appointed to welcome them.

The Clerk read a note from Anne Booth, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, saying that William Franz would like to report to the Meeting on Sunday, May 11th after Meeting for Worship.

Rebecca and Constantin Monego were appointed as Wellesley's representatives to the Yearly Meeting sessions in June, with Dorothy Hinshaw appointed as alternate.

Rebecca Monego, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, told of the plans to hold two separate, simultaneous Meetings for Worship on Sunday mornings during the month of May, as part of our search for solutions to our problems of overcrowding. Guidelines have been drawn up for the person responsible for greeting people as they arrive. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel has reviewed our policy for the use of the guest rooms in the Meeting House. They have decided it should be permissable for Meeting families to use the rooms for private guests. All dates and details should be cleared with the Hospitality Committee.

Norman Landstrom, Treasurer reported that $7137.42 has been raised thus far towards our budget of $8800, leaving $1660 still to be collected during April and May. He doubts whether this will come in unless members who have already given will consider giving additional contributions. $761.90 has been contributed by 27 people for the support of William Franz. $150 more will be needed to carry him through the month of June. He will work elsewhere during the summer.

Theodora Waring told of the successful Peace Witness held on Boston Common on Good Friday, April 4th. About 21 people from Wellesley participated, seven of whom served as overseers. In addition, twelve of our young people helped out on the original mailing.

Elizabeth Conant, Chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee gave a generalized report on how that Committee has decided to spend its alloted budget for contributions this year, and she urged members to give individually to causes they have most concern for, especially the American Friends Service Committee.

Ruth Hodge, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, gave a report summarizing the ideas which came out of the small group meetings which have met to consider our problems of overcrowding. The Meeting added a few suggestions, and the finished report follows these Minutes.

Ruth Hoge announced that Salem Quarterly Meeting will be held in Wellesley on Sunday, May 18th. It is hoped that many Wellesley Friends will plan to attend.

Jeannette McPherrin expressed her concern that we put real thought and prayer into coming to big Meeting decisions. She suggested a discussion be held on how we reach a sense of the meeting..

Sylvia S. Perry
Assistant Clerk

From the Long Range Planning Committee
Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends

In January 1968 the Long Range Planning Committee reported to the Monthly Meeting its exploration of solutions to the space needs of our growing Meeting. At that time the Committee was empowered to consult with an architect about possible ways to provide a larger meeting room for Wellesley Friends. We talked with four architects or representatives of architectural firms, looked at some of their work, and selected Edwin B. Goodell, Jr. for consultation.

Mr Goodell has submitted two plans, one for enlarging our meeting room, the other for a new structure to be reached by a passage-way from our present living room.

The Committee has found no perfect solution to our space problem but feels now is the time to report to the Meeting our considerations, and present the architect's sketches. This we expect to do at our next Monthly Meeting, March 23. There will not be time for full discussion at this meeting, and we propose setting up small group meetings during the following two weeks at convenient times and locations so that all members and interested attenders may express fully their concerns and desires for the future development of the Meeting. From these discussions the Committee hopes to see more clearly the direction in which it should work.

Membership growth since Wellesley Monthly Meeting was established:

1958 -- 47	1962 -- 83	1966 -- 106
1959 -- 71	1963 -- 85	1967 -- 111
1960 -- 3	1964 -- 98	1968 -- 131
1961 -- 76	1965 -- 112	

During the past year the plan has been to alleviate overcrowding when it occurs by holding a second meeting in the living room. Since last September on three Sundays out of four after the exodus of children and influx of overflow from the living room there have been an average of seven empty chairs. On these the crowded days there have been from six to thirty Dana Hall students present. Only twice have two separate meetings been held, but on several other days there should have been two. It is often difficult to judge how many chairs will be vacated by those leaving for Sunday School. Friends appear to prefer going into the meeting room when possible.

Anne Booth
Samuel Burgess
Martha Corneel
Benjamin Gary
Garrett Hoag
Ruth Hoge
Jeanette McPherrin
Finley Perry
Thomas Waring

March 4, 1969

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Report of Long Range Planning Committee

April 1969

Sixty-four members and attenders of Wellesley Meeting came to one or another of the four evening meetings arranged by our Committee to continue consideration of the future of our growing Meeting and the space problems for the Meeting for Worship. Discussions were held also by Young Friends and the Junior High School Group. Members of the Committee have talked with most of the nearby Meeting members who could not be at the group meetings.

Of the three suggestions made by the Long Range Planning Committee - remodeling our present Meeting Room got no approval, building a Meeting Room was approved by the majority, and continuing the present usage (or a variation of it) was favored by some.

Of this latter number, some felt we should spend money and energy in other ways than in building "an expensive shell for ourselves"; some thought that even though most of the money might be available for a building, the additional upkeep might be a burden for some. Others expressed a liking for the crowded Meeting, feeling that it added to the intimate fellowship. Some Friends urged that we give more consideration to the positive values of dividing into smaller worship groups. They felt that bigness has a negative effect on a Meeting, that the vocal ministry deteriorates and the worship experience loses depth. In smaller groups, those who do not speak easily are more apt to do so; others are moved to share more deeply their spiritual insights and concerns.

However, many people, especially the younger Friends, while favoring a variety of small group functions, had a strong feeling for a single Meeting for Worship. One expressed it that the meeting place is a symbol of our life and worship together, and hence, should be large enough for us to be together; another said that "our present room short changes us in our worship". Some spoke appreciatively of having a Meeting large enough for their children to have a full Sunday School and to have friends within the Meeting community and of having the support of a sizeable group in Meeting concerns and activities. A Meeting Room large enough for all, some felt, would further unity. It would meet our needs for special occasions such as weddings and large gatherings and make us more useful to the community and area Friends.

Of those who felt we should be prepared to build a Meeting Room, if such became the Meeting's decision, some liked the architect's octagonal design, but a substantial number wanted a more "traditional" rectangular plan to consider. All felt we should have something less expensive than the near $90,000 estimated for the octagonal design.

Several Friends saw advantages both to building and to continuing our present facilities. "We can make something good and meaningful out of our present place; we could also build and have these same qualities. It all depends on our spirit toward one another."

Some specific suggestions -

1. Carpeting for the present Meeting Room - so young people could sit on the floor.

2 2. Two simultaneous Meetings for Worship (one in the Living Room) rather than the present practice of latecomers' overflow moving in when the children go upstairs.

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[illegible] -

1. Remodeling [illegible] the present Meeting Room - so Young People could [illegible]

2. [illegible] Meetings for Worship (one is the Living Room) [illegible] the present [illegible] of Intermediate [illegible] children to [illegible].

3. Area Meetings on a rotation basis. Newton Friends would meet one Sunday at someone's home; Needham Friends, another Sunday; Wellesley Friends another, etc. This would relieve the pressure at the Meeting House and give these different groups a chance to meet with each other in small groups.

4. The possibility of helping finance the purchase of another house for a Meeting in another town when the time seems ripe.

Our meetings were held in a spirit of candor and consideration, with a growing understanding of each other's points of view. We are united in seeking to deepen our spiritual life and to bear a more effective individual and corporate witness to our beliefs. All want to provide meaningful and adequate facilities for members, seekers and casual attenders. We are not yet in agreement on how best to do this and need to continue to explore frankly and lovingly possible solutions.

The recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee at this time is to hold two separate, simultaneous Meetings for Worship, one in the Meeting Room and one in the living room. At the same time, we are asking the architect to design a more traditional rectangular and less expensive room than the octagonal one he has done.

We trust that Wellesley Friends will remain seeking and open to a solution that will be right for us.

Ruth E. Hoge, Chairman

Revised May 8, 1969

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House on Thursday, May 8, 1969. Thomas Waring, Clerk, read a few words concerning the proper conduct of Meetings for Business. The minutes of the April Meeting were read, amended and approved.

Thomas Waring reminded us of various Yearly Meeting matters, including the availability of the Equalization Fund to assist families with children to attend. A letter from Thomas Bodine, Chairman of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee told of the great amount of money still needed to meet the Yearly Meeting budget. Discussion brought out feelings that Wellesley had already given its share this year, but members were encouraged to give individually. It was brought out that our Meeting has not given sufficient attention to a group of questions sent to us by the Yearly Meeting in preparation for the annual sessions in June. All committees of the Meeting were asked to discuss the questions appropriate to them. We will hold a special Called Monthly Meeting on June 5th at which all members will be asked to express their opinions.

A letter from Gertrude Lawrence, Clerk of Salem Quarterly Meeting, requested that we send in a 125-word summary of our State of the Society Report. Anne Booth, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, agreed to do this. Plans for Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Wellesley on Sunday, May 18th were explained by Edwin Hinshaw and Ruth Hoge. Nita Regnier and Harold Hoge were appointed as our Representatives.

Theodora Waring spoke of the deficit of $118.66 from the Good Friday Peace Witness, and she asked that each Monthly Meeting in Salem Quarter contribute $10 toward meeting it, with the balance to be requested from the Yearly Meeting treasury. The Meeting approved, and a discussion followed on the reactions to the Witness experienced by our members.

Theodora Waring reported for the Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Elaine Wood and Edward Shoben who were to be married under the care of our Meeting in September. They have changed their plans and will be married on May 29th in a chapel at Yale University.

Theodora Waring then preceded her giving of the Report of the Nominating Committee by reading excerpts from Faith and Practice on the duties of committee members. All nominations were approved and appear following these minutes. The appointment of Young Friends Advisor will be postponed until our June Meeting.

Thomas Waring read a letter from William Satterthwaite, requesting that his membership be transferred to Orange Grove Monthly Meeting in Pasadena, California. This was referred to Ministry and Counsel.

Harold Hoge asked whether the Meeting would approve of holding our annual picnic at the home of Finley and Sylvia Perry on June 1st, and all agreed. He mentioned the several families who will be leaving us next year.

Martha Corneel, Chairman of the Religious Education Committee, announced that we will hold a Family Meeting for Worship

on June 1st and thereafter all through the summer. Members were urged to sign up for the care of Meeting for Worship and for the children during these months.

Elsie Landstrom read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of her husband, Norman. $1000 is still needed to meet our budget. $836.90 has been contributed by individuals for the support of William Franz, and $63 more is needed to carry him through the month of June. All Committee Chairmen were reminded to send in their final bills before May 29th..

Anne Booth reminded us that we are members of Wellesley Community Chest and Council, and that we should send two representatives to their annual meeting to be held on May 21st.. Anne Booth and Shirley Norton were appointed to attend..

Nita Regnier reported that she and her three older daughters were suitably welcomed into membership in the Meeting by Lewis and Hallie Wright..

Thomas Waring told of the experiences of the group who went through sensitivity training under the leadership of Robin Willits, and other members added their thoughts..

Sylvia S. Perry
Assistant Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends
Officers and Committees, 1969-1970

Officers

Clerk	- Thomas Waring
Assistant Clerk	- Sylvia Perry
Treasurer	- Norman Landstrom
Recorder	- Robert Hillegass
Secretary	- Ruth Satterthwaite
Librarian	- Rebecca Monego
Newsletter Editor	- Elsie Landstrom
Auditor	- Alexander Zavelle
Quarterly Mtg. Arrangements Comm.	- Ruth Hoge Theodora Waring
C.M.M. Delegates	- Frederic Corneel Lewis Wright
Meeting Arrangements	- Margaret Hoag

Ministry and Counsel

Frederic Corneel - Chairman
Allan Eister
Werner Heider
Ann Gary
Rebecca Monego
Sylvia Perry
Suzanne Tillinghast
Thomas Waring - ex officio

Religious Education

Mary Kay Kamath - Chairman
Marilyn Bever
Clema Blum
Ruth Ham
Ruth Hoge
Patricia Johnson
Edwin Hinshaw
Laura Logan
Shirley Norton

Social Concerns

Elizabeth Conant - Chairman
Valesca Ginouves
Martha Gordon
Robert Johnson
Norman Landstrom
Stanley Robinson
William Strong
Althea Walton

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends
Officers and Committees, con&t

Hospitality Committee

Harold Hoge - Chairman
Caroline Axton
Sheila Elias
Helen Hoge-Garcia
Ruth Satterthwaite
Elizabeth Schaadt
Theodora Waring

House and Grounds

Lewis Wright - Chairman
George Conant
Albert Ginouves
Rudman Ham
Faith Tiberio
Barbara Warner
Hallie Wright
Alexander Zavelle

Finance

Finley Perry - Chairman
Thomas Cooch
Dorothea Harvey
Garrett Hoag
Joseph Tiberio

Long Range Planning

Ruth Hoge - Chairman
Samuel Burgess
Ruth Cooch
Martha Corneel
Benjamin Gary
Elizabeth Gulick
Jeannette McPherrin
Finley Perry
Thoams Waring
Virginia Zavelle

Nominating Committee

Theodora Waring - Chairman
Martha Gordon
Elizabeth Gulick
Elsie Landstrom
Finley Perry

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Allan Eister
Elizabeth Gulick

Young Friends Advisors

to be appointed in June
Marilyn Bevan

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Members ought to feel a sense of rightness of their service - a sense of Divine calling. Appointments should not be accepted nor declined lightly. Their acceptance should mean willingness to be regular in attendance, to work with others, and to share and to listen.

Preparation for effective service is important, involving the ordering of personal affairs so that it is possible to give fully of time, energy, and spiritual resources. "

Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting 1966

Part II, Practice and Proceedure
Standing Committees, pg. 217

ARE FRIENDS CONCERNED - 1

LOCAL MEETING PREPARATION FOR YEARLY MEETING SESSIONS

Wellesley Monthly Meeting attempted to answer the questions sent to us in meetings of certain of our committees as well as at a special Meeting for Business held on June 5, 1969. The questions and answers follow:

1. Is your Meeting too big or too small for relationships among Friends to go deeper than acquaintanceship? What are the inhibitions to change and growth?

We do not feel that our Meeting is too large for the development of deep personal relationships. We very much enjoy eachother socially as we work and play together, but there is a need for more small group activities and retreats to encourage more sensitivity to eachother's needs. We must try harder to help newcomers and students feel thoroughly at home. It troubles many of us that our numbers often make it impossible for us all to worship together in one room.

2. Do your organizational arrangements really serve the spiritual needs of the membership? Do they help to renew the individual, open him to creative thought and allow for courageous discipleship?

Our committee set-up works out well, but we should make more effort to determine members' wishes as to where they wish to serve and can best contribute. We are fortunate in having many capable people among our membership so that leadership positions can be rotated regularly. Many members have discovered heretofore unknown talents in themselves as they take part in the work of the Meeting.

The holding of two simultaneous Meetings for Worship on Sunday mornings, because of crowded conditions, gives those who prefer a smaller more intimate meeting a chance to meet in the living room. Since the Business Meetings held on Sundays after Meeting for Worship attract more attenders and young people than do our usual Thursday evening meetings, it might be adviseable to do this more often.

3. Is your First Day School taking on a dynamic of its own and leading persons into fuller participation in the life of the Meeting, and equipping them to live creatively in a revolutionary world?

Many people feel that one of the important reasons that we are able to carry on an active First Day School program is because there are sufficient numbers of children to ensure continuity. We try to maintain an openess to growth, flexibility and new ideas. There is need for better organization and communication, particularly when so many people take part in our "team teaching". Our program needs to better reflect our concerns on both personal and community levels. We must balance our curriculum to be responsive and creative both to the times and to the children.

We worry whether we are doing enough to lead the children into greater participation in the life of the Meeting as they grow older and to equip them to live in the world of the future. Our efforts with Young Friends vary considerably from year to year.

The Meeting should be more supportive to our families as they strive to make their homes real centers for spiritual and moral strength.

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4. What does a major or political crisis reveal about your Meeting? Is it able to respond corporately? Does it respond relevantly? Does it show a spirit of deep urgency about suffering and evil? Does it reflect unity on basic Quaker testimonies? Does it spring from clear on-going commitment to the receiving of God's Kingdom?

We feel that, on the whole, we have responded fairly well and relevantly to some of the crises of our time. This is evidenced by the $1000 fund we raised from individuals to be given to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.; the wrestling over suitable guidelines, which satisfied all, for providing "Hospitality" to draft resisters which we never had occasion to use, but which were helpful to other groups; and the year long moral and financial support that the Meeting gave to William Franz while he carried on peace education work in surrounding high schools, not to mention in our own meetings.

We are troubled that occasionally disagreement on an essentiallly political issue produces angry reactions and polarization of viers. We need to learn how to cope with this, and we need to be certain that our concerns are firmly based on spiritual grounds, and not on purely political or pragmatic bases.

5. What is the meaning of membership? Does your Meeting take membership seriously?

We feel that the majority of our members take their membership in the Monthly Meeting very seriously and carry their share of the responsibilities involved, but not enough of us participate in wider Quaker activities such as the Yearly Meeting. Attendance at Monthly Meeting could be improved and financial responsibilities could be considered more carefully.

C. One serious problem that we have not dealt with adequately is the encouragement of our young people to move up from Junior membership to full membership.

6. Do Friends use Faith and Practice as a guide and stimulus to spiritual growth?

We do not use Faith and Practice nearly as much as we should.

P Perhaps, if we did, we could better deal with the occasional conflicts that arise in the Meeting for Business and even the Meeting for Worship. It would help us also to improve the quality of our worship and our ministry.

7. Are we adequately training our membership in areas of sensitivity and social awareness and cultivating the ability to determine the best use of time and energy in pursuit of justice and mercy?

Our active Peace and Social Concerns Committee does an excellent job of keeping us posted on events and activities we should know about. Discussion groups are held and speakers invited to clarify our thinking on political and social issues. Members are encour-

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Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House on Thursday, June 12, 1969. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened the meeting by reading the Sixth Query. The minutes of the May Monthly Meeting were read and approved, and the minutes of the Called Meeting held on June 5th were read and discussed. The Meeting directed that the answers be phrased more clearly and given to our Yearly Meeting Representatives.

Shirley Norton spoke of our concern for Suzanne and Carlton Tillinghast because of the latter's illness.

A Certificate of Removal has been received from Princeton, New Jersey Monthly on behalf of Willis and Jean Bussard who wish to transfer their membership to our Meeting. Martha and Frederic Corneel were appointed to welcome them.

Norman Landstrom, Treasurer, gave his final report for the year 1968-69, which follows these minutes. The report of Auditor Alexander Zavelle was read. Friends approved that $1500 be transferred from our regular budget to the reserve for major repairs. Friends also approved the expenditures which were made in excess of budgeted amounts.

Frederic Corneel, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, reported that the Committee has approved the transfer of William Satterthwaite's membership to Orange Grove Monthly Meeting in Pasadena, California. The Clerk was directed to write to Orange Grove Monthly Meeting to call their attention to the fact that William Satterthwaite is recorded as a Junior Member of our Meeting. Frederic Corneel explained the establishment of the organization called FISH in Wellesley which offers help to anyone needing it in emergencies. He then read the Annual Report of his Commmittee of his Committee which was written by Anne Booth, the retiring chairman.

Martha Corneel read the Annual Report of the Religious Education Committee.

Elizabeth Conant, Chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, pointed out a fact sheet on Vietnam being distributed by Wellesley PAX, and another communication from the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace, pointing out that the time has come for Friends to start action to repeal the draft. She then read the Annual Report of her Committee.

The Report of the Hospitality Committee was read by its Chairman, Harold Hoge. Finley Perry, retiring Chairman of the House and Grounds Committee, also gave his report.

Ruth Hoge, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, announced that a new rectangular plan for a Meeting House is on display in the hall for our possible consideration.

Theodora Waring, Chairman of the Nominating Committee , asked that the Meeting approve the appointment of Marilyn Bever as Young Friends Advisor for the coming year, and this was agreed.

Frederic Corneel reported on the housing rehabilitation work accomplished by Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, which our Meeting supports.

Harold Hoge reported on Salem Quarterly Meeting which was held in Wellesley on May 18th,.

Garrett Hoag told us that his wife Margaret attended the marriage of Elaine Wood and Edward Shoben in New Haven, Connecticut on May 29th..

After Rebecca Monego read her Annual Librarian's Report the Meeting was adjourned, not to meet again until September..

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED

May 31, 1969

The Meeting has again met its current financial obligations. In addition, individual members of the Meeting have contributed more than $900 to a special fund for the support of Bill Franz, and Young Friends raised $171.20 by a garage sale which they gave to Bill.

ANNUAL BUDGET AND RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

Total cash receipts were $8,965.50, including contributions of $8,878.26 and miscellaneous receipts of $87.20, mostly rental from Reading Research Institute. Our cash expenditures were $7,013.65, leaving an operating surplus of $1,951.85. During the year, $1,500 was transferred from our operating surplus of the preceding fiscal year to the Reserve for Major Repairs, which now amounts to $4,500. Cash on hand available for transfer to the Reserve and for current operating expenses is $2,603.89. June monthly meeting decided to transfer $1,500 more to the Reserve.

CAPITAL FUND

At the beginning of the year, the Capital Fund amounted to $5,292.50. During the year $18,000 from the Estate of Seal Thompson, contributions of $550 and interest of $769.65 were received, and expenses of $200 were paid.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL FUND

No expenditures were made from this fund in the fiscal year. With interest of $91.13, it now amounts to $2,066.21.

Detailed figures are attached to this report showing receipts and expenditures for the Annual Budget, the Reserve for Major Repairs, the Capital Fund, together with a schedule of investments as at May 31, 1969, the Ministry and Counsel Fund, the Martin Luther King Fund, the Meeting for Suffering of Vietnamese Children and the special fund for the support of Bill Franz.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Landstrom, Treasurer

ANNUAL BUDGET

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$ 2,152.08
Contributions	8,878.26
Miscellaneous Receipts	87.20
Total	$11,117.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to Reserve for Major Repairs	$ 1,500.00
Expenses	7,013.65
	$ 8,513.65
On hand 5/31/69	$ 2,603.89

RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$ 3,000.00
Transferred from Annual Budget	1,500.00
On hand 5/31/69	$ 4,500.00

CAPITAL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$ 5,292.50
Contributions	550.00
Estate of Seal Thompson	18,000.00
Interest - Newton Savings Bank	681.70
Interest - U. S. Treasury Bills	77.95
	$24,602.15

EXPENDITURES

Long Range Planning Committee	$ 200.00
On hand 5/31/69	$24,402.15

	CAPITAL FUND INVESTMENTS	At Cost
$5,000	U.S.A. Treasury Bills due 8/7/69	$ 4,924.45
5,000	Certificate of Deposit Unity Bank due 7/23/69	5,000.00
10,000	AT&T 2 7/8s 1987	6,738.73
5,000	Meeting House Fund Notes	5,000.00
	Newton Savings Bank	1,979.32
		$23,642.50
	Accumulated income	769.65
	On hand	$24,402.15

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$ 1,975.08
Interest	91.13
	$2,066.21

EXPENDITURES

None	
On hand 5/31/68	$ 2,066.21

MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$ 0
Contributions	40.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children	$ 40.00
On hand 5/31/69	$ 0

MARTIN LUTHER KING FUND

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$ 295.00

DISBURSEMENTS

American Friends Service Committee	$ 295.00
On hand 5/31/69	0

BILL FRANZ SUPPORT

RECEIPTS

On hand 6/1/68	$ 0
Contributions	926.90

EXPENDITURES

Support January through May	$ 900.00
On hand 5/31/69	$ 26.90

RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNT BALANCES WITH INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

Account Balances:

Annual Budget Balance	$ 2,603.89
Reserve for Major Repairs	4,500.00
Capital Fund	24,402.15
Ministry and Counsel Fund	2,066.21
Bill Franz	26.90
	$33,599.15

Investments (at cost) and Bank Accounts:

$5,000 U.S.A. Treasury Bills due 8/7/69	$ 4,924.45
$5,000 C.D. Unity Bank due 7/23/69	5,000.00
$10,000 AT&T 2 7/8s 1987	6,738.73
$5,000 Meeting House Fund Notes	5,000.00
Savings Acct. W-1171 Newton Savings Bank	5,034.91
Savings Acct. 3-128751, Newton Savings Bank	2,066.21
Checking Acct. Unity Bank	4,834.85
	$33,599.15

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JUNE 9, 1969

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1969

I HAVE MADE AN EXAMINATION OF THE WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS CONSISTING OF THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND RELATED STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1969.

MY EXAMINATION WAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS, AND ACCORDINGLY INCLUDED SUCH TESTS OF THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS AND SUCH OTHER AUDITING PROCEDURES AS I CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE EXAMINATION INCLUDED A REVIEW OF THE CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET, AND CAPITAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS WAS ALSO REVIEWED AND ALMOST ALL ACCOUNTS EXPENDED LESS THAN WAS BUDGETED FOR THOSE ACCOUNTS.

IT IS MY OPINION, THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT WILL SET FORTH THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING'S OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR AND

ITS FINANCIAL CONDITION AS DISCLOSED BY THE BOOKS OF THE TREASURER.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Alexander Zavelle

ALEXANDER ZAVELLE, AUDITOR
WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Religious Education Report 1968-69

The First Day School has had a good year because we have had a wonderful group of teachers who have supported and nourished their classes along with warmth, friendliness, and personal time and effort. We thank them all for this. Our enrollment was up some over last year with a total of 84 which includes Young Friends. We welcomed the following new families who added to that total and subsequently a new dimension to our First Day School; the Bussards, the Bevers, the Benders, the Francks, the Johnsons, the Nortons, Neaves, Schaadts, and Waltons.

Our nursery group was headed by Ruth Ham who had as a helper, Pat Schindler, an ABC student from Dana Hall. Pat was a capable girl but was not too enthusiastic. We hope that in the future we can supply this need from our own Meeting in some way. The children played well together - sharing and helping. There were no malcontents. A few more toys would be welcome.

Clema Blum, with the help of Ruth Ham, Ruth Kennedy, Nancy Strong and Carmen Mayer taught the kindergarten group. The discovered and talked about the world around them, the creatures, plants, the seasons, and their relationship to this unfolding world. The winter months brought holiday activities and making decorations, and later doll playing, reading, and seed-planting for the springtime.

Martha Gordon's group of 1st and 2nd graders explored "Living in Palestine". In October and Novermber under the guidance of Laura Logan, with stories and pictures and much discussion, the 1st and 2nd graders established a miniature village of Nazareth on a 3 by 4 foot piece of masonite mounted on a low table in their classroom. They made little flat-roofe houses around the village well, with tiny pipecleaner people and clay animals; rocks represented hills and caves outside the town.

In December with Anne Gary, the children followed in their imagination the long journey of Joseph and Mary and other villagers to the town of Bethlehem. Christmas activities centered around the loving-giving spirit at the heart of this time. In January, the children pretended they were in a synagogue school participating in a Sabbath celebration as Jesus would have.

Pat Johnson followed with stories of farming, vineyards, bread-making, pottery, weaving, etc culminating in a market-place which was a delight to see and which was seen by many in the living-room at one point.

In the spring Martha Gordon helped them to make a countryside with sheep and shepherds, fishing and fishermen

and their boats and nets on the Sea of Galilee, the lilies of t the field and the birds of the air.

Throughout this experiment in living in old Palestine, and attempt was made to present the everyday aspects of the kind of life Jesus lived in terms of the way he used them as metaphors in his later teaching. When they study about "living water", the bread of life,", the lost sheep, the sower and the seeds, the vine and the branches, perhaps these very simple stories and activities will make these unfamiliar things more comprehensible to them. Principal books used were, " Picture Book of Palestine" by Ethel Smither and its companion guide, "Living in Palestine" by Doris Jones, and also,"Jesus, Teacher and Friend" by Caroline Pineo.

Mary Kay Kamath writes: The third and fourth grade class this year was an exciting and challenging group, enjoyed by the four of us who did the teaching: Barbara Warner, Suzanne Tillinghast, Jane Burgess, and Mary Kay Kamath. The year began with an introduction to the Bible for those who received Bibles from the meeting and who were to use them for the first time. This included learning how to use the Bible, some memorization, and something of how it was written and how it came down to us. Later the text, "Jesus A-Growing" by Miriam Gorton was used whose stories show Jesus as a curious, sensitive, observant boy learning the techniques and information which later in fact appear in the teachings of Jesus. Throughout the year, excellent opportunities arose to discuss modes of travel, home life, to model in clay, to learn through doing. We also used some role-playing and acted out a fight scene between imaginary brothers and sisters. The parables of Jesus brought forth some good discussions, and understanding and study of Jesus adult life.

Ruth Hoge's class began their year with an all day trip to Wachusset Meadowns, a place with woods, a swamp, open meadow and pond and a hill that seemed like a mountain. The program this year centered on New Testament times and was developed from the United Church Press materials " A Journey Into Time," and "Growing up in Jesus' Day" both by Grace Tower, and "Jesus of Nazereth" by Snyder. We tried to find out what it must have been like to live in Palestine 1900 years ago, the close family and village life; school and synagog; taxes, wars, the Roman occupation. Then how Jesus came into this scene with his personality and teachings and love and concern for all sorts of people. Class projects included selling UNICEF Christmas cards and a bake sale to benefit the Meeting's Bill Franz fund. Teachers were, Sylvia Perry, Ruth Hoge and Martha Corneel, with one day assists from Ann Gary, Chris Waring, Rudman Ham, Ed Hinshaw and Bill Franz.

The general Junior High school plan for the year was to learn about other religions and Christians sects. Sanjiv Kamath discussed with them the reasons why he continues to embrace both Hinduism and Quakerism with no sense of conflict. He did a beautiful job and it was felt that a deeper appreciation for our own religious feelings as well as a good basic understanding

of Hinduism was the result. A visit was arranged, through Nita Regnier of Professor Nawawi, and Indonesian, a Mohammedan and a political scientist. Unfortunately, the change to Daylight Saving time caused the visit to begin at the end of the class and since the attendance that day was light, they took a walk and discussed the apparent social conflicts between Western notions of masculine courage and pacifism. Father James Flynn, a Jesuit teacher, quite up to date, outlined Catholic beliefs and ceremonies for the children. They were invited by him to visit St. Vincent Seminary for a Mass in folk idiom. The Seminarians lingered to answer questions afterwards. The new folk songs seemed moving and appropriate in their content. Avisit with Reverand William H. Clark of St. Andrews Eapiscopal Church in Wellesley was arranged. Rev. Clark seemed familiar with Friends testimonies and asked questions which the children often could not answer. The result of this experience was a digression to examine in some depth our own beliefs and the historical background which has shaped them. Dodie Waring guided the children in this endeavor, helped by the current examples of Friends beliefs in the Good Friday Peace Witness, and in the presence and concern for Bill Franz who is resisting the draft and being supported by the Meeting. Many good things arose from this investigation: an examination and discussion of their own father's decisions and experiences with the draft, an honest and forthright talk by John Phillips to the children about his experience serving a jail term for draft resistance.(This presented a realistic side to a otherwise very idealistic approach which they mostly see); a garage sale which brought in $173.00 for the support of Bill Franz which they planned and carried out themselves and generally a good examination of Friends principles. Sheila Elion was chairman for the Junior High Group and had good teaching support from Theodora Waring and Lewis Wright, with one day assists from Elizabeth Conant, Sanjiv Kamath and Bill Franz.

A need is felt generally that our young people acquire a better understanding of what Quakers stand for and how they came to hold these beliefs. This need will undoubtedly be reflected in next year's curriculum.

For those who are concerned about the widening gap in thinking between younger generation and older, First Day School is an excellent place to improve communication. For some ideas of ways we might do this see attached report of recent Religious Education Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Corneel, chairman
Ruth Hoge
Laura Logan
Ruth Ham
Martha Gordon
Mary Kay Kamath
Clema Blum

Religious Education Committee Meeting June 2, 1969

LOCAL MEETING PREPARATION FOR YEARLY MEETING SESSIONS

Report of Religious Education Meeting on questions sent out by New England Yearly Meeting for our consideration.

Consideration of questions 2 and 3 brought forth from the members of the R. E. Comm. a number of ideas, gripes and comments which inevitably led directly into a more dynamic planning for the next year of First Day School. It was felt that we cannot in all honesty call ourselves "dynamic". However, most felt that we have not shut ourselves off from the possibility of flexibility and growth.

Four general needs were expressed:

1. Meeting Involvement- The need for increased participation by the entire Meeting, young and old, in more creative worship, play, and service activities with the possibility that these three activities be carried on simultaneously on occasion.

Ideas- Have family meeting and then break up into small groups for activities - hiking, art singing, crafts, service, handwork

Begin the Fall with a Family Meeting and box lunch.

Do some type of handwork for service project silently while having a Meeting for worship.

Have Monthly Meeting more often after Meeting for Worship

Plan to have lunch together after Meeting for worship more often.

Have a questionnaire perhaps worded, "What things would you like to explore with children? What things would you like to explore in greater depth witht the Meeting, with yourself? What are the things you could "lose yourself" in ?"

Ask men in the Meeting to come for a class period in F.D.S. giving them a special assignment or concern to speak to.

Have Meeting outdoors once in awhile.

Include men at all levels of F.D.S.

Have a "forum" after Meeting for worship - topics to be anything the Meeting decides.

Compile a meeting resource list

Make more reports on R.E. activities at Monthly Meeting to encourage interest and involvement.

Have a place for R.E. displays and feed-back. Sugg. a folding screen which can be moved at will.

2. Better organization - Much needs to be done to implement the good ideas which pour forth continually from member of the meeting and much more time and effort needs to be spent than has been in the past, on making these ideas a reality.

Ideas- Include men at all levels of F.D S.

Have closer relations within the class group - meet more socially with parents of children and children - teachers try to discss each pupil with parents.

Extend the F.D.S. year a week at each end to be available to newcomers in the community and to families not away for the summer.

Do summer reading in preparation for Fall
Send out letter to parents and members at beginnning of September with R.E. aims, a short resume of year planned, names and phone numbers of teachers and pupils and suggested books to be read.

3. Reflecting concerns - personal, classroom and world-wide- Most felt that a balance is needed between helping the children with their personal problems, fears, and self-growth, and the classroom experience which should involve them with the best of the spiritual past, and an understanding of other people and problems of the present. This would best seem to be served by a curriculum which is planned each year by the combined effort of the teachers and parents, keeping in mind the need to be dlexible and able to follow new ideas which may spring from the class and from what is happening in the local and world-wide community. In this way we hope to be responsive and creative to the times and to the children.

Ideas- Bring message of Meeting for Worship into the classroom for consideration and understanding.
Lead children toward learning to worship at Meeting by experimenting with classroom meeting for worship
Provide something special for the child who needs help- perhaps a member of the Meeting to be a guide or companion in some way.
Suggest older children monitor meetings of committees, i.e. Peace and Social Concerns, C.M.M. if they want to.
Make an annotated book list year each year for parents and teachers (pupils too)?

4. Home and Family - A real need, brought about by the chaotic and changing values surrounding us all calls for a re-creation of our homes as the real center for spiritual and moral example for our children. The Meeting as a whole needs to be more supportive to the family, playing the role of loving relations to one another.

Ideas- Read together as a family - selections of all kinds- poetry, plays whimsy, Bible, history etc.
Discuss or retell Meeting messages afterwards at home with children.
Use "Faith and Practice" continually as a personal guide.

Martha Connell, Chairman

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

It is difficult to know whether a Peace and Social Concerns Committee reflects the temper of the times, - or the temper of its members. The actions of our committee this year probably reflected both.

In any case, looking back on it, we tended to be project-oriented this year, rather than event-oriented. We started in September by seeking a focus for our energies, hoping to have a greater impact in a limited area instead of effort diffused among the myriad opportunities for social action. Our first self-assignment was to read the AFSC book, The Draft, a topic which was to become at least part of our preoccupation for the rest of the year. In mid-winter, we bought a single ticket to the seminar series on Social Change at the high school, taking turns going and reporting back to each other. As another chapter in our self-education, one of our meetings was enriched by Joe Remcoe from the Harvard Legal Research group who came to speak with us about local activity in the field of Draft Law.

Our greatest focus, however, came in the form of Bill Franz, whom Bill Strong introduced to the committee in October. We undertook to support Bill Franz with minimal maintenance for two months until a wider appeal brought funds from individual members of the Meeting to carry him from January through June. A total of $926.90 was collected from 29 contributing units (including $16.00 from the Sunday School bake sale) towards Bill's expenses, augmented by $171.20 raised by the Young Friends rummage sale. This financial support testifies to the place Bill seems to have made for himself in the lives and affections of the Meeting. In the early days of working with him, the committee catalysed contacts with local high school students and teachers. One such introduction, held in the Meeting House with three teachers and four students, opened the way for Bill in the Wellesley High School; another led to an entre to some Needham students groups. Occasionally members of the committee went to hear Bill at his meetings, and supportive meetings were held in an effort to elicit parental support for his activities. Once launched, Bill made his own way, and we have the disquieting inner sense that his successes relieved us of our responsibilities instead of involving us more. Next year, if Bill wishes to maintain contact, we plan to work more closely with him and involve more of the Meeting in his endeavors. In the meantime, it would be wrong to catalogue his imaginative contributions to peace education as our own.

Partly because of Bill and partly because of the importance of the Draft as an urgent social issue, we found ourselves increasingly involved as a committee and as individuals in the whole matter of conscription and resistance. The session with Mr. Remcoe has already been alluded to. In October, we subsidized Bill Strong's trip to the Richmond Conference on the Draft. A number of our committee, along with other members of the Meeting, have shown support at the induction center and at the trials of resisters. As a committee, we arranged for an evening at the Meeting House in late March in which Rick Boardman and Mike Zimmond shared their histories and concerns. There were other resisters attending the meeting, and they brought us up to date with their own stories. In short, we have tried to personalize the issue of the draft, and in the process we have come to know some extremely courageous and personable young people.

This year has thus had a double thrust, peace education and the draft, and even our financial contributions reflect it. Almost half of our budget was spent in two months support of Bill Franz, and later in the year a contribution was sent to the AFSC for their work in peace education. Besides the subsidy of Bill Strong's trip to Indiana, we sent $100.00 to the Civil

Liberties Legal Defense Fund. An exact breakdown of our use of funds is appended.

* We invited Charles Harper to speak at Monthly Meeting in December.

But these were not our sole concerns, and throughout the year the committee was touched by other issues.* We arranged for Earle Reynolds to speak on the role of Japan as peace maker in Asia (although he was snowed out); we wrote as a committee to local representatives about our concern with the Youth Services Board; and in hopes of stimulating meeting correspondence, a permanent writing desk has been set up in the meeting anteroom. Finally, we had hopes of a program on Latin America but had to postpone plans when travel schedules were changed for our main panalist.

Our last committee meeting was somewhat introspective, triggered by the Yearly Meeting questions. Not being exactly sure of our role in the life of the Meeting, we hope to begin next year with a joint session with Ministry and Counsel for clarification. We would also like to deepen our fellowship as a committee and will seek ways in which we might make corporate witness as a group. And perhaps as a result of this, new suggestions for meeting action may emerge. In any case, we hope this will describe our modus starting in the fall; in a way, however ill-defined, this year's searchings and activities have been preparation for it.

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Wellesley Monthly Meeting

Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee
1968-69

Activities of the Hospitality Committee in 1968-69 followed the established pattern in most respects. Our first special function was a pot-luck supper in October. After the supper, Anthony and Martha Kroch gave a report on their year of travel, illustrating it with slides they had taken. Our annual pot-luck Christmas, held on December 15th, was attended by about 115 persons. Our annual picnic was held at the home of Finley and Sylvia Perry on June 1.

Our representatives to the Wellesley Clergy Association, in consultation with the Hospitality Committee, invited the Association to the Meeting House for their March meeting. Luncheon was provided by the Hospitality Committee with generous help from other members of the Meeting.

Two Monthly Business meetings (November and February) were held immediately after Meeting for Worshop on Sunday. Desserts, beverages and juice were provided. At the February Meeting, the 5th and 6th grade Sunday School group sold desserts as a money-raising project. No pot-luck suppers preceding evening Monthly Meetings were arranged. There was less need for them this year, because of the various discussion groups that were preceded by suppers. Dessert was arranged for at the Meeting House preceding the discussion in January of "Right and Wrong in Business and the Professions".

One morning coffee for women was arranged; it coincided with a stormy spell and barely survived. Coffee and juice were served regularly after Meeting throughout the year and before Monthly Meetings, and hospitality was provided when Salem Quarterly Meeting was held here.

Harold Hoge, Chairman

House and Grounds Committee 1968-1969

1. Had floors in meeting room, living room and hall refinished.

2. Had rugs in living room and hall cleaned.

3. Built shelves in first and second grade classroom closet.

4. Helped take down wall between the two third floor rooms above the meeting room.

5. Plaster in third floor room repaired.

6. Ridge installed at end of driveway along Benvenue Street to prevent water from street draining down over parking lot onto Rutledge property.

7. Curtains in the living room were cleaned thanks to the attention of a former member of the committee.

8. Made arrangements for Pat and Bob Johnson to be caretaker residents of meeting house beginning September 1, 1969.

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING LIBRARY

Annual Report

1968/1969

This year the new books that have been added include current Quaker books, along with new pamphlets and books for the ~~Sunday~~ First day School. The annual gift of three books has been received from the Mosher Book and Tract Association.

Seal Thompson's books and papers have been sorted and placed in her desks in the living room. These books are her Bibles and special books with notations in the margins.

The Library is well used by the ~~Sunday~~ First day School and it is our hope that more of our members will make use of the other books available. We have subscriptions to the Friends Journal and the ~~American Friend~~ Friends Life as well as to all Pendle Hill pamphlets. These are arranged by subject in the Library and will eventually have cards under author and title in the card catalog, so that they will be readily available.

The notebook method of checking out books in the Library has been found cumbersome. Therefore we are slowly adding pockets and cards to all books so that we can use a card file.

Rebecca B. Monego

Librarian

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met at the Meeting House on Thursday evening September 11, 1969. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened our period of worship by reading a few pertinent paragraphs from A Joint and Visible Fellowship by Beatrice Snell. The minutes of the June meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Thomas Waring read a letter received in July from Ernest Weed, who serves as the Friends' representative on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, concerning the establishment of a Black Ecumenical Commission in place of the present Commission on Church and Race. He then read his reply to Ernest Weed which expressed sympathy with this concern. The Meeting approved the change and the request for continued financial support.

Ruth Hoge, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, brought us up to date on latest plans and cost estimates for a rectangular plan for a possible Meeting House addition to our building. The Committee hopes to have a recommendation ready for our October business meeting. Concern was expressed that we offer our facilities more often to community groups in order to utilize them more fully.

Finley Perry, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget for 1969-70, a copy of which follows these minutes. He particularly discussed the request of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee for an allotment of at least 10 percent of the entire budget. The Finance Committee felt that such an increased amount should come from individual contributions rather than from the Meeting budget. Jane Burgess asked that the Finance Committee investigate the question of a payment to the town of Wellesley in lieu of taxes. It was agreed that the Committee should look into the matter and report back next month. After other questions were discussed, the budget was adopted.

Lewis Wright, Chairman of the Committee on House and Grounds, announced that Patricia and Robert Johnson and son Marc have now moved into our caretaker's apartment. Hallie Wright will serve as liason between the Meeting and the Johnsons. Lewis Wright discussed the damage done to the roof by neighboring children climbing on our fire escape. The State would like us to modify the fire escape and make various changes in the building to conform to fire laws. The feeling of the Meeting was that we should do what seems feasible and reasonable without spending too much money. Lewis asked the Meeting to approve further investigation and the drawing up of plans for changes he might consider within possibility. The Meeting requested hin to report back later with more specific details.

Frederic Corneel, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, announced that the Committee is in process of drawing up a new list of members and attenders and that Suzanned Tillinghast is in charge of necessary changes. There was some question as to whether we should continue to list peoples' occupations, but most members preferred to continue the practice. Ministry and Counsel recommends that we hold two

simultaneous Meetings for Worship on Sunday mornings.. Latecomers will be allowed to enter as they arrive. He asked members to speak to him about their ideas for another family weekend away, as was held last year..

Ruth Hoge told of the Religious Education Committee's plan to hold a Family Meeting on September 21st, to be followed by creative activities including all ages and a picnic lunch.

The next Quarterly Meeting is to be held at Lawrence on October 18th with a program focused on adults and young friends discussing together matters of common interest..

Martha Gordon ended the evening by telling us of her visits among Friends in England last month.. She was especially pleased to have her traveling minute endorsed by the Clerk of Stratford-on-Avon Monthly Meeting.

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

September 22, 1969

To Members and Attenders
Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends

The time has come again to call your attention to the financial needs of the Meeting.

A copy of the budget adopted by the Monthly Meeting on September 11 is attached. It is about 7% higher than last year's budget, due mostly to increased expenses for maintenance of the building and grounds.

Some members have asked for guidance as to their fair share of this budget. The Committee hopes that the following facts may be of some help. Last year there were contributions to the budget from fifty-three contributors, of whom five gave $400 or more, five gave from $300 to $399, eight from $200 to $299, thirteen from $100 to $199, and twenty-two in amounts less than $100. Three families have moved to other parts of the country, so there may be fewer contributors this year than last.

Checks should be made payable to Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends and mailed to Norman Landstrom, Treasurer, 294 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

On behalf of the Finance Committee

Finley H. Perry, Chairman

WELLESLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
MAY 31, 1970

1968 Budgeted	1969 Spent	ANNUAL BUDGET ACCOUNTS	
$ 200.00	$ 200.00	Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries	$ 200.00
50.00	22.92	Clerk	50.00
250.00	250.00	Friends General Conference	250.00
150.00	98.80	Hospitality	150.00
100.00	82.53	Librarian	100.00
125.00	88.78	Ministry and Counsel	125.00
200.00	169.30	Miscellaneous and Postage	200.00
85.00	84.18	Newsletter	100.00
85.00	85.00	Quarterly Meeting	85.00
325.00	254.64	Religious Education	325.00
550.00	549.40	Peace and Social Concerns	600.00
75.00	50.52	Treasurer	75.00
1,850.00	1,850.00	Yearly Meeting	2,000.00
75.00	2.50	Young Friends	75.00
		MEETING HOUSE BUDGET ACCOUNTS	
300.00	316.38	Electricity, Water and Sewer	325.00
600.00	856.30	Grounds Care	900.00
1,100.00	1,016.57	Heat	1,100.00
300.00	357.00	Insurance	360.00
150.00	102.25	Interior Cleaning	150.00
2,000.00	386.16	Repairs and Maintenance	2,000.00
100.00	31.27	Supplies	100.00
130.00	127.28	Telephone	130.00
8,800.00	$6,981.78		$9,400.00

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met on Thursday, October 9, 1969.. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened the Meeting by reading an excerpt from Faith and Practice concerning the reaching of the sense of the meeting..

The minutes of the September meeting were read, corrected and approved. It was decided to reverse last month's decision to continue including members' occupations on our list of members and attenders. The new list will omit such notations..

Thomas Waring announced the program for Quarterly Meeting to be held at Lawrence on Saturday, October 18th.. Shirley and Perry Norton and Theodora Waring were appointed as Wellesley's Representatives..

Ruth Hoge, Chairman, read the final recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee, which follow these minutes. They suggested that the Committee be laid down and that any further arrangements for Meeting for Worship be handled by Ministry and Counsel. There was a strong feeling at the meeting that we should consider on a continuing basis the long range goals of our Monthly Meeting - what its function and role should be in our own and in the wider community.. People expressed their feelings on our present practice of holding two simultaneous Meetings for Worship on Sunday mornings.. There was considerable discussion on the possibility of matching building funds with gifts to organizations we are in sympathy with. The Meeting approved the last three recommendations, and, at Edwin Hinshaw's suggestion, requested that Ministry and Counsel carry out the first recommendation and plan further small group discussions on our goals. The Meeting expressed its appreciation for the diligent and thoughtful work of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Frederic Corneel, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, spoke of tentative plans for a family weekend away from Wellesley at Woolman Hill, and he passed around a sheet for people to sign up on with their suggestions for topics to be discussed..

He then reported on the progress being made by Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries in their housing rehabilitation programs and in educational work in the suburbs. He requested that the Meeting raise its annual contribution to C.M.M. from $200 to $300, and this was approved. Lewis Wright asked individual members to consider investing in more C.M.M. notes to help it raise more needed capital..

Theodora Waring urged people to attend the rally on Boston Common planned for October 15th as part of a nation-wide Vietnam Moratorium Day calling for an end to the war.. Other reports were given on activities planned in various suburban communities.. Elizabeth Conant read the general gist of a flier prepared by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to be handed out at the Wellesley rally. The Meeting approved our sponsorship of such a flier. Other literature will be available next Sunday for us all to distribute in our home communities..

Edwin Hinshaw mentioned the concern he has for our con-

tributing to a fund to support Young Friends financially while they work on worthwhile summer projects.

Lewis Wright, Chairman of the House and Grounds Committee, asked for volunteers to work on needed work projects around the Meeting House on two Saturdays in October.

Harold Hoge, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, reminded Friends of the Pot Luck Supper planned for Friday, October 17th to be followed by a talk and slides given by Charles and Margery Wood on their year and a half in Nigeria.

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting of Friends
Report of Long Range Planning Committee, October 9, 1969

Wellesley Friends became a Monthly Meeting in 1958 with 47 members. In 1965 we purchased our present Meeting House. Soon we found our Meeting Room crowded at Meetings for Worship at certain times of year and too small for special occasions such as our Christmas family day, weddings, and memorial services. In February 1967 a Long Range Planning Committee was appointed to consider the space needs of our growing Meeting.

In surveying present and future needs the Committee felt our present quarters gave us core facilities for a Meeting as large as Wellesley is likely to be. One problem, a room large enough for two or more Sunday School groups to meet together has since been solved by making two rooms on the third floor into one. The Meeting House is useful to New England Yearly Meeting as a center for committee meetings and work shops. On "Committee Days", usually held here twice a year, about twelve committees with well over a hundred Friends fill the building. Some local educational, religious and social action groups have also used it. However a vital and fuller use of our facilities is a continuing concern of the group and the Monthly Meeting might wish to appoint a small committee to work on this.

The Committee considered several alternatives for relieving overcrowding of the Meeting for Worship:

1. Using the Conservatory Auditorium.
2. Holding simultaneous Meetings for Worship in our Meeting House.
3. Holding Meetings at different hours in our Meeting House, e.g., 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
4. Promoting small group Meetings in surrounding communities.
5. Moving an unused Meeting House onto our own property.
6. Enlarging or building onto our Meeting House.

In January 1968 the Meeting approved a request of the Committee to consult an architect about plans for a larger meeting room either by remodeling or building, and authorized $2,000 for this purpose.

The Committee interviewed four recommended architects and chose Edwin B. Goodell, Jr., with whom we have worked closely. Mr. Goodell drew up a plan for remodeling and enlarging the present Meeting Room and another for an octagonal Meeting Room attached by a passage-way to the living room, and connected with the lavatories installed in the storage room off the kitchen.

In March 1969 the Committee sent a written report to members and attenders, presented a fuller one at Monthly Meeting, and arranged small group meetings for general discussion of the alternatives the Committee had looked into. The architect's sketches were considered. The plan to remodel was discarded and there was considerable interest in having another plan for a less expensive, more flexible and traditional building than the octagonal one.

We attempted to summarize the concerns, suggestions and feelings expressed at the group meetings in a report which is attached to the April Monthly Meeting minutes. Briefly, a majority favored building a Meeting Room but several were strongly opposed.

they felt we should give more consideration to the positive values of dividing into smaller worship groups, and also that building a Meeting Room would divert members' energy, talents, and money from more urgent spiritual and social matters to which we as a Meeting should be giving priority.

The Committee recommended holding two separate, simultaneous Meetings for Worship, one in the Meeting Room, and one in the living room, rather than using the latter for an overflow Meeting as we had been doing.

At our request Mr. Goodell designed a rectangular room attached directly to the living room and at a slight angle to it with lavatories as in the earlier sketch. The estimated cost was $68,050 as compared with $77,500 on the octagonal building. Neither figure includes furnishings or architect's fees. This plan will remain at the Meeting House for all to examine.

The Committee is satisfied that this design is basically a sound one, simple, straightforward, well proportioned, appropriate, functional and would be easy to maintain. Because of the window area, the room would not require forced ventilation. It has seating for 174 persons, yet a small group could meet with a sense of closeness. The folding, or double doors between that room and the living room would permit additional seating in the living room.

The plan is open to minor changes and economies. Some Friends have suggested we might build part of the Meeting Room ourselves, thereby gaining unity by the shared experience of working together. For example, we might move the garage, prepare the building site, or do some of the painting.

The Committee recommends:

1. That this report and the problems of housing our growing meeting be considered carefully and at length in regular Monthly Meetings and if need be at a special Monthly Meeting called for the purpose.
2. That the practice of holding two simultaneous Meetings for Worship be continued until the Meeting is ready to evaluate it.
3. That if and when the Meeting decides to build a meeting room, Mr. Goodell's rectangular design be used.
4. That the Long Range Planning Committee be laid down.

Samuel Burgess
Ruth Cooch
Martha Corneel
Benjamin Gary
Elizabeth Gulick
Ruth Hoge, Chairman
Jeannette McPherrin
Finley Perry
Thomas Waring
Virginia Zavelle

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met on Thursday, November 13, 1969. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened our period of worship by reading the Seventh Query.

Thomas Waring read a letter from Perry Norton requesting membership in the Meeting for his family. The request will be turned over to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel for further action.

Lewis Wright, Chairman of the House and Grounds Committee gave us a report on the status of his investigations into fire safety features for the Meeting House. He thanked the numerous members who turned out to work on needed chores around the building on two Saturdays in October.

Ruth Hoge suggested that there be a regular women's work morning at the Meeting House every month. There was general approval of this plan.

Rebecca Monego, one of our Representatives to last summer's Yearly Meeting sessions, gave us a full report.

Elizabeth Conant, Chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, told us of the final report from the Friends Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children and of the laying down of that organization. She announced an open meeting to be held in Wellesley College Alumnae Hall on Friday, November 14th, sponsored by Wellesley Pax, and she also told of the plans of various of various of our members to go to Washington to join the New Mobilization for Peace in Vietnam on November 15th.

Frederic Corneel, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel announced that Anne Gary feels that she must resign from that Committee, and he asked the Nominating Committee to find a replacement. He outlined his hopes for the small supper meetings to be held next week for the discussion of worship. The weekend at Woolman Hill has been given up because of lack of interest.

Thomas Waring read a letter from Ernest Weed concerning the formation of the Black Ecumenical Commission and the pledging of $35,000 to fund it by the Massachusetts Council of Churches. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Finance Committee to determine what action we should take, since in the past all contributions to the Massachusetts Council of Churches have been made as part of our contribution to Salem Quarterly Meeting.

Thomas Waring read a letter from the Wilmington College Choir who would like to give a concert in our area on Monday, December 15th. After some discussion, it was decided that Theodora Waring, Martha Corneel and Clema Blum would contact the Cambridge Meeting as to the possibility of collaborating with them on a concert.

Shirley and Perry Norton and Theodora Waring reported on Salem Quarterly Meeting held in Lawrence on October 18th. It was noted that our Wellesley Nominating Committee will be responsible for suggesting people for certain Yearly Meeting Committees.

Harold Hoge, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, announced plans to hold our annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 21st.

Louis Marstaller, the Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, who was present with us, expressed the appreciation of the Yearly Meeting for the use of our Meeting House for Committee Day and other Yearly Meeting activities.

Elizabeth Conant expressed concern over the fees we charge outside organizations for the use of our building. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel was requested to review our policy on this matter.

Sylvia S. Perry

Recording Clerk

Wellesley Monthly Meeting met on Thursday, December 11, 1969. Thomas Waring, Clerk, opened the meeting by reading an excerpt from A Joint and Visible Fellowship by Beatrice Saxon Snell.

Martha Gordon, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, offered the following names to fill the vacancies caused by the departure of Rebecca and Constantin Monego for England:

Ministry and Counsel - Elizabeth Gulick
Librarian - Martha Gordon
Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Dorothy Hinshaw
Yearly Meeting Finance Committee - Charles Wood

In addition, it was suggested that Margery Wood be appointed to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel to take the place of Anne Gary who has resigned. The Meeting approved these nominations.

Norman Landstrom gave an interim Treasurer's Report as follows:

Income	$2552.24
Expenses	2552.93
Capital Fund	1601.18
Misc. Receipts	76.65

Harold Hoge announced the plans for the Christmas Dinner to be held on Sunday, December 21st. Meeting for Worship and a children's program will be held at the New England Conservatory to be followed by a pot-luck luncheon in the Meeting House. Activities for children are being arranged following lunch.

Elizabeth Conant, Chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, reported on the talk given here on December 7th by Robert Hindmarsh of the American Friends Service Committee on his trip to Nigeria and Biafra. Attendance at the meeting was very disappointing. She asked that Friends bring clothing, toys and canned goods to the Meeting House by December 18th for distribution in Roxbury under the auspices of the Little City Hall there and the Wellesley Fair Housing Committee. She questioned our policy restricting announcements after Meeting for Worship on Sundays, as it makes it difficult for her Committee to keep members apprised of events arising on short notice. There was general agreement that more leeway should be allowed for these.

Frederic Corneel, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, recommended that we charge no fee to appropriate outside groups using the Meeting House, provided they will clean up after themselves. Groups using the kitchen and groups whose activities are farther removed from Friends' concerns will be charged from $10 to $25, according to usage. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommends that we draw up a written record entitled "The Practice of Wellesley Friends Meeting" to serve as a ready reference to our policies on such matters as the above. Our next monthly meeting for business will be held following Meeting for Worship on Sunday, January 11th.

Ruth Hoge expressed concern about the present disorganization of the Meeting files and the difficulty of finding things. Ruth Satterthwaite was appointed to set up an appropriate system.

Thomas Waring read a statement from Pittsburgh Monthly Meeting concerning their goals. He felt that Wellesley might feel some sympathy with them.

Frederic Corneel gave a report on the small discussion groups held in November. Many members felt that the experience was very helpful and worthwhile for all. The smallness of the groups was particularly valuable, and all agreed that this kind of sharing would be impossible in larger groups.

William Franz spoke of his summer experiences with various community living groups and of the difficulties people have in communicating points of view and sharing with eachother. He wants meeting members to get together to discuss these ideas as a way to break down resistance to change. The Committees on Ministry and Counsel and Peace and Social Concerns will decide how best to use William Franz to strengthen our own vision of life.

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Statistics for Wellesley Monthly Meeting for 1969

	Particular Meetings			Totals
PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.				
1. Number of Members last year, DEC 31 1968				133
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report, DEC 31 1968				0
3. Additions by Birth,				0
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,				4
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				2
6. Total Additions,				6
7. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report, DEC 31 1968				0
8. Loss by Death,				0
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,				0
10. Loss by Certificate to another Friends Meeting,				1
Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				
Total Loss,				1
13. Number of Members this Year, DEC 31 1969				138
14. Net Gain,				5
15. Net Loss,				
16. Number of Males,				57
17. Number of Females,				81
18. Number under 21 years of age,				62
19. Number of Junior Members,				54
20. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,				
21. Number of Resident Members,				130
22. Number of Non-Resident Members,				4
23. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate),				85
24. Average Attendance of Children at Sunday School,				40
25. Average Attendance of Adults at Sunday School,				5
26. Number of Sunday School Classes.				6
Affiliate Members				2
PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.				

SUGGESTIONS.—To be sure that no mistakes occur in this report, observe the following.

1. See that No. 1 is correct as it was reported last year. If a mistake in last year's figures has been discovered since then, call it "Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report," (see No. 2) or "Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report," (see No. 7), as the case may be, and add or subtract as may be required to make No. 13 on this report exactly correct, then write a brief note of explanation on the report.

2. The addition of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 will give No. 6; and of 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 will give No. 12.

3. If No. 6 is larger than No. 12, subtract No. 12 from No. 6 to obtain No. 14; but if No. 12 is larger subtract No. 6 from No. 12 to obtain No. 15. Of course only one of the numbers 14 and 15 will have figures. If there is a "net gain," add No. 14 to No. 1 to obtain No. 13. If there is a "net loss," subtract No. 15 from No. 1 to obtain No. 13.

4. See that No. 13 is the same as the sum of 16 and 17, and of 21 and 22.

5. Keep your records corrected up to date. Good records make easy reports.

6. Keep on hand a copy of this report for future reference.

Thomas Waring
Clerk

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